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BIRTHS.

ALLMAN—December 17, 1937, at Harcourt Nursing Home, to Hilda, wife of C. T. Allman, St. Kevin's Park, a daughter.

GRAHAM—December 19, 1937, at Jerusalem, County Carlow, to Mr. and Mrs. Graham, a daughter.

McGUIRE—December 21, 1937, at Leinster Nursing Home, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McGuire, Clonmel, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FRIZELLE and NEARY—December 9, 1937, at the Parish Church, Portumna, by the Right Rev. Monsignor Joyce, P.P., V.G., Samuel F., youngest son of Nicholas J. and Mrs. Frizelle, Parnogue terrace, Wexford, to Mary Catherine (Maureen), eldest daughter of the late Owen M. Neary and Mrs. Neary, Cookstown House, Ardee.

DEATHS.

BAKER—December 22, 1937, at her residence, Ardshiel, Glenageary Hill, Kingstown, Beatrice Adelaide, eldest daughter of the late P. O'Hitzell and Mrs. Baker. Funeral (private), Mount Jerome, to-morrow (Friday) morning, 9.30. No flowers.

BOLSTER—December 22, 1937, at her home, 17 Albany road, Ranelagh, Dublin, Henrietta Maria Bolster widow of George Hawkes Bolster, J.P., late of Rockmount, Dundrum, and Laurentinum, Doneraile, County Cork. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing son, nephew, and niece. Funeral private.

DAWSON—December 22, 1937, at Crystalbrook, Ballybay, Grace Dawson, second daughter of the late Thomas Dawson, B.L., and Susan Frances Moore Dawson, Drumany, Cootehill. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) 24th, at 11 a.m., to Ballybay Parish Churchyard.

GIBSON—December 22, 1937, Marguerite (Weenie), loved and loving younger twin daughter of Henry Scott Gibson, "Hassendean," 302 Clontarf road, Dublin. "He giveth His beloved sleep." Funeral to Mount Jerome Cemetery, after Service at Clontarf Parish Church, 10 a.m., to-morrow (Friday), 24th December.

HOBSON—December 22, 1937, at her residence, Hazeldene, Greystones, Lucy J. Hobson, wife of the late William Hobson. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), arriving at Temple Hill Cemetery at 10.30 a.m.

KNEE—December 22, 1937, at a Dublin Hospital, George Knee, of Rahan, Edenderry, in his 63rd year. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), Carbury Church, Edenderry, 2 p.m.

MacMULLEN—December 22 1937, at Cashel, County Tipperary, James Richard Anthony MacMullen. Funeral (private) to St. Michael's, Blackrock, Cork, leaving Cashel Cathedral at 9.30 a.m. to-day (Thursday).

MINNITT—December 22, 1937, at Blenheim, Glenageary, Eilanor (Nellie) Minnitt, aged 81 years. Funeral to Dean's Grange, 9.30, to-morrow (Friday) morning.

MONTEAGLE—December 21, 1937, at Cappa, Foynes, County Limerick, suddenly, Commander the fourth Baron Monteagle of Brandon, aged 85 years. Funeral to Loghill, 12 o'clock, to-morrow (Friday). No flowers, by request.

MOORE—December 21, 1937, at 4 Glena terrace, Wexford, Mary Margaret, wife of Rev. J. W. B. Moore. Funeral to St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, Wexford, to-day (Thursday), 23rd December, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers, by request.

SHAND—December 22, 1937, at Ingleside, Eversley, Helena Eliza, widow of Patrick Shand, of Nawalapitya, Ceylon, and Craigellie, Alyth, second and last surviving daughter of the late Standish O'Grady, of Landscape, Castleconnell, Ireland, aged 84. Funeral, 2 o'clock, to-morrow (Friday), December 24, at Hawley Church, near Camberley, Surrey. Ceylon papers please copy.

STARBUCK—December 22, 1937 at a London Hospital, Geoffrey Richard, aged 33, beloved husband of Winifred Morgan Starbuck (nee Smith), "Glencree," Parrock avenue, Gravesend.

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STOKES—December 20, 1937, at Meath Hospital, Dublin, Lilian, wife of the late Whitley Stokes, M.B., London, 7 Gilford avenue, Sandymount. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing daughter. Funeral Service will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Clyde road, to-day (Thursday) at 9.30 a.m. Burial will take place at Virginia Water, Surrey, to-morrow (Friday).

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mr. T. J. Evans wishes to return sincere thanks to the very numerous friends who sympathised with him by letters and telegrams in his recent sad bereavement, and hopes they will kindly accept this acknowledgment.

Mrs. Florence I. Scanlan, 2 Belgrave square, Monkstown, wishes to thank the many friends who so kindly sympathised with her in her recent irreparable loss.

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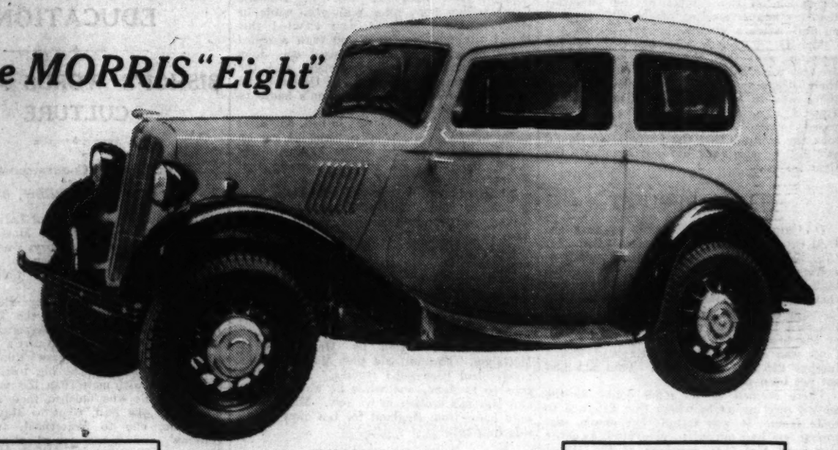

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ARTIFICIAL Teeth, Old Gold, Antique and Modern Silver Wanted; Sovereigns, 32/6; articles returned intact and post free if offer not acceptable.—Dublin Smelting Company (Government Licensed), 21 Wellington quay, Dublin. 20 I

MUSIC, PIANOS, ETC.

BABY Grand Piano, Hofmann; cost £120 1926, will accept 70 pounds.—D 1378, this office. 22 B

MUSIC Rolls, full scale (88 notes) for sale; large collection. Apply Dodsboro' House, Lucan. 21 D

NEW Collard Piano, bought a few months ago, £80, best offer.—Kent's, 114 Rathmines road. 21 D

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RELIABLE Hunters for Hire, also for Sale.—Dunn, 38 Stephen's place, Dublin. 20 E

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GRAND PRIX BROADCAST

ULSTER CLUB'S DEMAND

ULTIMATUM TO THE B.B.C.

FROM OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT.

THE Ulster Motor Cycle Club has decided that it will not permit the B.B.C. to broadcast a commentary on next year's Ulster Grand Prix unless a sum of £50 is paid to the club. So keen was the discussion on the subject of the broadcast that the annual meeting of the club dragged on until after midnight.

Mr. D. A. Boyd, who presided at the meeting, said that the people in Northern Ireland were going to have to pay more for their licences because of television, but there was to be no television in Northern Ireland. The B.B.C. would have to be prepared to pay for their programmes. He took the attitude that the Corporation should pay £50 or else they did not broadcast the Grand Prix.

CLUB'S REQUEST

It transpired in the discussion that the U.M.C.C. this year asked the B.B.C. for £75, but at that time plans for the broadcasting of the race had advanced so far that the B.B.C. were unable to make any change in their commitments and could not increase their annual subscription of £10 to the race funds. When there was a danger of the broadcast falling through, the Ulster Club was approached from England and a further £15 was guaranteed. This £15 had not yet been paid.

There seemed to be some doubt at the annual meeting as to where this £15 was to come from. It was stated that one of the announcers had agreed to give his fee to the club, and also that members of the Motor Cycle Manufacturers' Union were interested.

Captain F. T. Williamson, race secretary of the 1937 Grand Prix, said the B.B.C. gave them a paltry £10, while they erected steel structures around the course at a cost of £100. The club considered such structures unnecessary. The sales of stand seats suffered by reason of the race being broadcast.

Mr. H. H. Palmer, a former race secretary, suggested that the committee should write to supporters of the race for advice before they did anything

THE B.B.C.s PUBLIC

It was pointed out that the B.B.C. could broadcast the race without the club's permission, but in reply to this statement it was said that the club could make the broadcast very difficult by refusing any facilities. It also was stated that the B.B.C. had a public which wanted the race to be broadcast, and they would have to serve that public irrespective of the club.

Mr. S. G. Kennedy, chairman of committee, said that, while he would not go against the feeling of the meeting, he would not like to see the race not being broadcast.

Mr. Palmer said they should get the view of Norton Motors.

Mr. Boyd—"We run this race; not Norton Motors."

Mr. Palmer said the support of Norton's had been invaluable to them.

Eventually it was agreed, without any expressed dissent, that if the B.B.C. would not pay £50 the race would not be broadcast.

DEMANDS BY BEET-GROWERS

STRIKE WEAPON DISCUSSED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

ENNISCORTHY, Wednesday.

A meeting of County Wexford beet growers, held in Enniscorthy, unanimously decided to support the Central Executive of the Beet Growers' Association in the demand for 47s. 6d. a ton flat rate, plus free pulp, for next year's crop.

The meeting expressed the view that payment should be made on the basis of sugar content, which would be equal to 47s. 6d. flat rate.

Mr. John Sinnott, Clonroche, a member of the Executive, who presided, said that the Sugar Company wanted a three years' contract, and the Executive had asked that clauses should be embodied in the contract providing for the eventuality of a world war, or any other cause that might raise the cost of production for the farmer. They had firmly turned down the company's offer of 40s. a ton for the next three years. The beet goowers had dealings with two different Governments, and while they found both of them sympathetic, neither jumped to give the growers any aid when necessary. They did not want a strike, but if they could not get a fair return for their labour, a strike was the only resort.

Captain D. L. Condon said that while standing for a fair price they should remember that there were three interests involved—the producer of beet, the consumer of sugar, and those who invested money in the industry. On last year's profits he believed that the company could increase the price paid to the farmer, and still have a reasonable return.

Mr. William Thorpe, Knockroe, said that the Sugar Company would not give the growers any leniency.

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"I CAME HERE FOR MURDER"

SCENE AT FARM-HOUSE

STORY AT DUNDALK COURT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDALK, Wednesday.

"I CAME here to-night for murder. It's you or me for it to-night." A County Louth farmer, James Thornton, of Treagh, Hackballscross, told in Dundalk Court to-day how, after midnight, while he stood in his kitchen, a man shouted this threat through a window and then smashed the window. The man charged was John Martin, aged 25, also of Treagh, and the allegation was that on the 9th December he attempted to break into Thornton's house to commit a felony.

Thornton said that he was in bed, and after midnight, hearing a noise outside, he got up and brought a candle to the kitchen. He heard Martin's voice outside shouting that he wanted to get in.

"I told him that he would not get in, that it was too late," said the witness. "He kicked the door and shouted that he would have to get in, and that he would break in the door. He said: 'I came here for murder, and you will have to let me in.' Martin then smashed three panes of glass out of the window. When he did that I got a gun out of the bedroom, and told him that if he attempted to come in through the window I would blow his brains out."

In cross-examination by Mr. Hugh C. McGahon, Thornton said that Martin and he always had been good friends. Martin had gone to England, and while he was there he and Martin's brother had a row. Martin was only home from England for ten days before this incident.

BLOODSTAINS

Thornton said that when Martin went away from the window he and his wife left the house and stopped with a neighbour for the rest of the night. The next morning he saw bloodstains on the broken glass and also on the door of the kitchen.

Mr. McGahon—I suggest that you broke the window yourself with the gun?—I did not.

Mrs. Thornton, who gave evidence, was asked by Mr. McGahon—Do you suggest that if he got in that night he would do any harm?—I believe he would with the threats he made, she said.

Martin said that he had been in Dundalk, where he had eight or nine drinks, and passing Thornton's house he called in a friendly way, and remembered knocking at the door. The first thing that happened was that Thornton ordered him away, and told him that he would blow his brains out if he did not do so. He then left because he was frightened, and had no recollection of breaking the window. He had no animus against the Thorntons, and was not influenced by the fact that his brother had a row with Thornton. He was only home on holidays from England, and was going back.

District Justice Goff bound Martin over for three years, and ordered him to pay compensation for the damage done to the house.

DIAMONDS STOLEN FROM FLAT

OCCUPANT GETS THREE MONTHS

Solomon Stanley Harris (32), described as a manufacturer's agent, of Hampstead, was charged on his own confession at Hampstead, London, yesterday, with stealing, while bailee, fourteen uncut diamonds, valued at £200, the property of Mr. Moss Joseph, of Holborn.

Detective-Inspector John Smith stated that Harris's wife lost a diamond ring, and on behalf of the insurance company Mr. Joseph sent seven uncut stones for Mrs. Harris to make a selection from. Last month a burglary at Harris's flat was reported to the police, and it was alleged that Harris took the diamonds, and then scattered articles about to make it appear that there had been a burglary.

It was stated that Harris, a man of excellent character, had been living right up to the hilt of his income. It was added that Mr. Joseph had sent two sets of uncut stones to Mrs. Harris—fourteen diamonds in all.

Harris was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Notice of appeal was given.

NATIONAL UNION OF RAILWAYMEN

NORTH WALL NO. 2 BRANCH DINNER

The annual social reunion dinner of the North Wall No. 2 Branch, National Union of Railwaymen, took place at the Red Bank Restaurant, Dublin, on Saturday evening last. The dinner was attended by over 100 members, relatives and friends. Among those present were:—Mr. C. D. Watters, chief Irish secretary; Mr. M. Pounder, organiser; Mr. T. Glazier Chief Inspector, G.S.R., North Wall, and Mr. F. W. Niall, President, Dublin District Council, National Union of Railwaymen.

The committee who had charge of the arrangements were:—Mr. J. Murphy, branch chairman; Mr. C. Gaskin, branch secretary; Mr. T. Ryan, treasurer (Social Committee); Mr. P. Morrissey, Mr. F. McMahon, Mr. T. Connolly, Mr. T. Walsh, Mr W. Walsh and Mr. R. Kennedy.

FOUR MONTHS UNCONSCIOUS

YOUNG WIFE NOW ABLE TO SIT UP

After four months of unconsciousness, Mrs. Ivy Ida Smith, aged 22, of Harrow, London, who on August 12 fell 80 feet from the roof of a stores, is now making good progress.

She is considered to be well enough to take part in a little Christmas party which her husband and the nurses at Middlesex Hospital have planned for her.

She is very cheerful and talks quite coherently to the nurses and to her husband, who comes every day

HOME-GROWN WHEAT

PERCENTAGE TO BE MILLED

The Department of Agriculture announces that the Minister for Agriculture has made an Order under Section 6 of the Agricultural Produce (Cereals) Act, 1935, fixing the percentage of home-grown wheat to be milled by licensed millers during the cereal year 1938-'39 at 35 per cent.

Motor Matters, Cycles, &c.

MOTOR CARS.

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A CAREFULLY kept and little used 1937 Vauxhall 14 h.p. de Luxe Saloon for Sale, few months old; owner ordered to retire from motoring; what offers?—D 1316, this office. 18 E

ARMSTRONG Siddeley, 1934, self change, 12 horse power, four door Saloon, sliding roof, condition new, with full comprehensive insurance; accept £70.—D 1308, this office. 20 E

FOR Sale, Austin, 10 h.p., 1936, mileage 12,000, new condition; price £200, or nearest offer. To be seen Longford Arms Motor Works, Longford. 21 D

MORRIS 1936 12 h.p Saloon, owner driven, going abroad; mileage under 10,000, splendid condition; trial appointment only, tel. 43059; best offer over £100 accepted. 20 E

AUSTIN 1937 12/4 Saloon, only six months in use, small mileage; £260. (See below.) 22 X

AUSTIN 1932 12/4 Saloon, splendid condition, good tyres; £100. (See below.) 22 X

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FORD 1937 8 h.p. Saloon, perfect condition, only done 11,000 miles; £125. (See below.) 22 X

MORRIS 1936 12 h.p. Saloon, good condition and appearance; £135.—Ever Ready Garage, Ltd., Donnybrook, Ballsbridge (1024). 22 X

14.9 FORDOR Saloon, excellent condition; no reasonable offer refused.—D 1370, this office. 22 E

1928 HUPMOBILE, very fine car, suit taxi; new tyres and sound mechanically; £35 secures. Doyle's Motors, Ltd., 128 Stephen's Green. 21 E

1934 VAUXHALL 12 Saloon, just been completely overhauled, new tyres, and in perfect condition; a bargain, £85, cash or deferred.—Doyle's Motors, Ltd., 128 Stephen's Green. 21 E

1936 FORD De Luxe 10 h.p. Fordor, sliding roof, leather upholstery, engine reconditioned; taxed December 31.—Wallen, Trinity Street Garage. T

MOTOR CARS CONTINUED

1937 MORRIS 10.4 Saloon, sunshine roof, hydraulic jacks, mechanical and general condition excellent.—D 1310, this office. 20 E

1937 STANDARD 12 h.p., 7,000 miles (owner going abroad), £260 cash, or £150 deposit; balance monthly, to solvent purchaser.—D 1376, this office. 22 B

WANTED.

1937 SALOON wanted, 10 or 12 h.p. preferred; state price and colour. — D 1371, this office. 22 E

LORRIES, VANS, MOTOR AND STEAM HAULAGE

1937 DODGE 15 Cwt Van, finished in polished aluminium, looks as new, small mileage; a great bargain to clear at £175.—Huet Motors, Ltd., Lower Mount street, Dublin. 21 D

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THE CLASSICS IN EDUCATION

BISHOP'S WORDS ABOUT CULTURE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BALLAGHADEREEN, Wednesday.

The inclusion of Greek and Latin in school courses was urged by the Most Rev. Dr. Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry, when he spoke at the annual distribution of prizes to students at St. Nathy's College, Ballaghadereen, to-day.

The President, the Very Rev. Father Forhan, paid a tribute to the Rev. Canon Blaine, who, he said, was responsible for the proud position that St. Nathy's held. He had seen the college grow from a small, struggling school to the big institution that it is to-day, with more than 130 intern pupils. Of the pupils who finished their studies last June, four, he said, went to Maynooth, one to Rome, one to Waterford, two to All Hallows' and three joined the Maynooth Mission to China.

The President said that the mere counting of passes and honours gave no indication of the extent or quality of the education given in such an institution as that. All that was required by the Board for passing either certificate examination was a pass in Irish and four other subjects. Were they to confine the programme of studies to the limited number of subjects required they might conceivably add many to the number of passes. They preferred, however, to keep the wider range of subjects, which included physical sciences and the ancient classics.

Dr. Morrisroe, having paid tribute to Canon Blaine, said that victory had crowned the Canon's term of office. The report of the new President gave an insight into his intellectual calibre. So far as his remarks were critical of existing conditions of higher education they must meet with general acceptance; for there were anomalies in the prevailing system that needed to be eliminated. Not only parents, but experts, teachers and managers, should have something to say to the selection and arrangement of programmes, so that it seemed that much attention ought to be given to the suggestions now being made for setting up an Advisory Council of Education, representative of all classes.

Culture was a blessed word, but there could be no genuine culture, in the Catholic sense, anyway, without an acquaintance with philosophy, which taught the causes of things, and without a knowledge of the sacred sciences, which told what we really are, what our destiny is, what are our relations with God, with Christ and with the world to come. Nor could it be truly said that a system of education was cultural which left out of sight the languages of Ancient Greece and Rome, which enshrined the greatest literature of the world.

CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC DELAY

RAILWAYMEN ADOPT "GO SLOW" POLICY

A dispute between the L.N.E.R. and a section of their staff has led to a stoppage at Ardwick Goods Station, Manchester, which is holding up a considerable amount of Christmas traffic.

The L.N.E.R. announced the stoppage in an official statement yesterday, which declares:—"The dispute has arisen in regard to the probationary appointment to a position at Ardwick of a disabled employé unfit for heavy work.

"A section of the staff at Ardwick objected to the appointment and adopted a policy of slow working to enforce their views. The company could not overlook this action and required assurances of normal working which the staff refused to give. The methods of appointment of this section of staff in the service of the L.N.E.R. are governed by agreements reached by the Sectional Council representing both the railway company and the section of staff concerned."

Over 300 employés are affected. The principal consignments of Christmas goods for Manchester traders had already been dealt with.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables was held at the hospital on Tuesday morning, 21st inst., at 9.30 o'clock, Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (chairman), presiding. There were 230 Governors present at this meeting.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read, confirmed and signed. Apologies were received from a number of Governors unable to be present.

Mrs. C. A. Jones, Miss Redington Roche, Mr. G. E. Mitchell, and Mr. J. F. McGuire having kindly consented to act, were appointed Visiting Governors for the month.

On the proposal of Mr. F. A. Lowe, P.C., seconded by Mr. Patrick Lynch, K.C., the following resolution was passed with acclamation:—"The Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables desire to express their sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. S. Orpen for their kindness in entertaining the patients and staff to a special tea, which was much enjoyed by all."

The following were unanimously elected Life Governors, being nominated by the executors of the late Miss Mary FitzGibbon:—His Honor Judge Doyle, Mr. Stephen H. Lynch, Miss Barbara Stephenson, Rev. Patrick Dunlea, C.C.; Rev. Anthony Camac, C.C.

The Chairman appealed to the many friends of the charity for financial assistance. Life Governors are qualified as such by payment of £21. They are entitled to visit the hospital at all times consistent with its due order to recommend candidates for admission and to vote for their election, and to vote for the election of the visiting medical officer and the Managing Committee. All contributions of £5 5s. 0d. (received on or before 31st December) entitle the donors to all the privileges of Life Governorship for one year from 1st January, 1938.

It was announced that Christmas Day would be celebrated at the hospital in the usual time-honoured manner, and dinners will be served at 12.30. Governors and other friends are cordially invited to be present. Music and singing will be greatly appreciated. All contributions towards the Christmas Delicacies Fund (which is still open) will be gratefully received by the Registrar or the Lady Superintendent.

The Chairman appealed for gifts of wearing apparel for male and female patients, and announced that books and magazines give great pleasure to the patients at the festive season.

The election of patients was then proceeded with. 18 names appeared on the printed list, and the following having obtained the highest number of votes were declared duly elected patients:—Eleanor Hendy and Elizabeth Valentine.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, 18th January, 1938.

The Board tender their grateful thanks for the following kind contributions received since last meeting:—£8—Miss Ina A. Moses. £5 5/—Messrs. Edward Lee and Co., Ltd. £2 2/—A. G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (hon. treasurer). £2—Miss M. L. Hatte. £1 1/- each—Miss Kate Sullivan, Mrs. D. L. Deale, Victor G. L. Drought, Esq. £1 each—G. H. Lowry, Esq.; Miss Johnston, Miss H. St. C. Kennedy. 10/—Mrs. Newcombe.

Further contributions are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully received by:—Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Chairman), Balnagowan, Palmerston Park, Dublin; Patrick J. Brady, Esq. (Vice-Chairman), Glena, Booterstown, Co. Dublin; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (hon. treasurer), The Haven, Palmerston Gardens, Dublin; or by the Registrar at the Hospital.

GIFT TO DUBLIN CHURCH

GENEROSITY OF FACTORY WORKERS

A gift of two telescopic brass stands and four brass vases from the members of the staff of Messrs. W. and R. Jacob and Co., for the Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Kevin's Hospital, Dublin Union, was presented by Mr. J. F. O'Dwyer, of Messrs. Clery and Co., manufacturers, to the Dublin Board of Public Assistance at its weekly meeting yesterday.

This was the fourth gift given to the church by the workers of Messrs. Jacob and Co.

Tributes to the workers were paid by Mr. O'Dwyer, and, on behalf of the Board, by Messrs. R. Blake, Vice-Chairman, who presided; the Rev. J. V. Coffey, Chaplain; Mr. P. Cummins, Dr. Hannigan, T.D.; Messrs. D. Healy and T. Cosgrave.

The Board extended thanks to Miss Margaret Pearse, who, with a number of friends, distributed toys and sweets to the children in the children's infirmary. It was stated that no visits will be allowed to the infirmary on the 26th inst., on account of the treat being given by the Lord Mayor to the patients in St. Kevin's Hospital and Home.

RELIEF INCREASED

The relief supervisors reported that for the week ended 18th December, 1937, 7,388 cases were relieved at a cost of £3,651, being a decrease of twenty cases for a decreased expenditure of £74 15s. 2d. from the previous week, and an increase of 697 cases and an increase of £235 13s. 10d. over the corresponding week last year.

Dr. ffrench O'Carroll, F.R.C.S., L.M., L.R.C.P.S.I., dispensary medical officer, Lucan, was appointed dispensary medical officer, Ballsbridge, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Mortimer Walters. Dr. O'Carroll, a native of Dublin, is a gold medallist of the Royal College of Surgeons, and before being appointed to Lucan was on the staff of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital. He is medical referee for the Dublin Corporation and the Board of Assistance.

Thirty applicants sought appointment to the posts of ward mistress, three of which were vacant. The successful candidates were:—Miss M. J. Moran, St. Kevin's Hospital; Mrs. C. Walsh, Dublin road, Malahide, and Mrs. Mary Scully, 81 Tyrconnell Park, Inchicore.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

SMASHED CUBICLE IN MEATH HOSPITAL

MAN REMOVED BY THE POLICE

(BEFORE MR. CONWAY.)

Alleged to have "smashed up" a cubicle in the accident department of the Meath Hospital, Dublin, on Tuesday night, James Roche, no fixed address, was remanded for medical examination.

Evidence was given that Roche broke the frosted glass of the cubicle, and threw pots and buckets around the department. Finally he "broke up" the cubicle with a trolley, and became, it was alleged, so violent that nobody could go near him. He was removed by Guards.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE POOR BOX.

JUSTICE THANKS THE DONORS

In the Dublin District Court yesterday, Mr. J. P. Collins, solicitor, said that he was glad to be able to respond to the appeal of Mr. Hannan for subscriptions to the poor box. In handing in subscriptions on behalf of the Solicitors' Bar Association and the Automobile Association he said that the donors wished to express their appreciation of Mr. Hannan's efforts on behalf of the poor box, and hoped that his appeal would be generously responded to.

Mr. Hannan said that he wished to express his thanks to the Solicitors' Bar Association for its very generous subscription, and also for all other contributions.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Thursday, December 23.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION (Examiners' Branch)

At 93 Merrion square.

Before Mr. Mangan, at 3 o'clock—Major W. Henry (S. 5067), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

At 89 Merrion square.

Before Mr. Tyrell, at 3 o'clock—Cosby (S. 6037), directions.

Before Miss Phelan, at 12 o'clock—The Rev. G. J. Wilson and anor. (S. 4728), vouch items.

Before Mr. P. Byrne, at 11 o'clock—Staunton (S. 5079), discharge rulings.

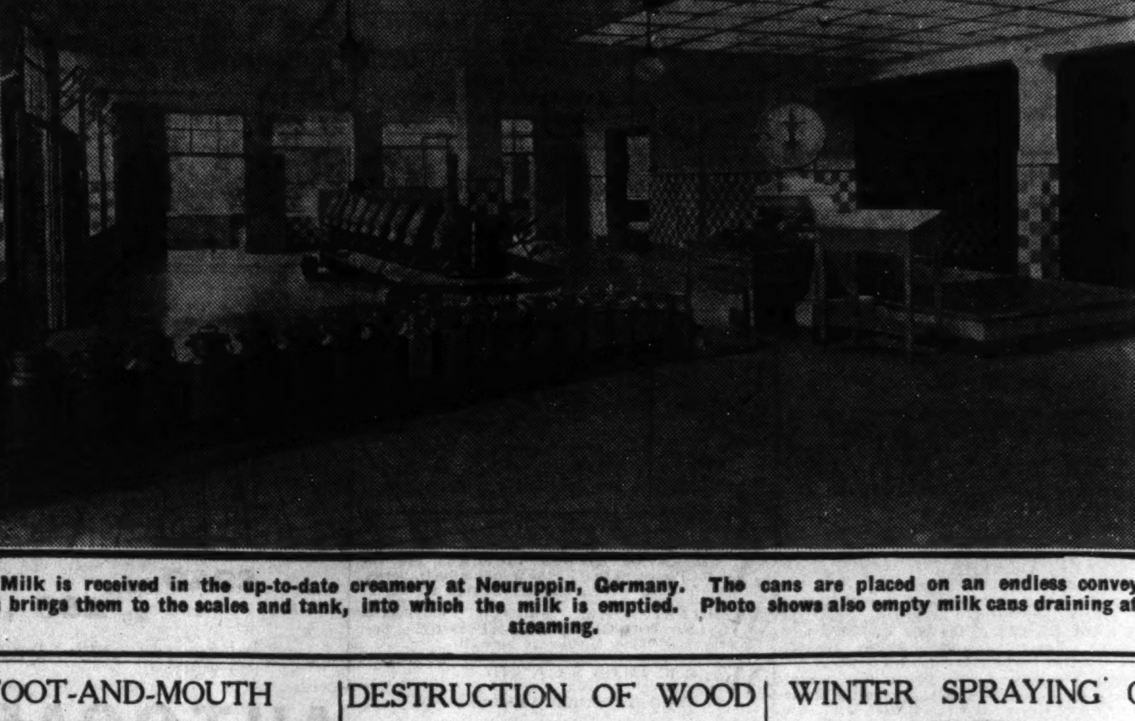
YOUNG FARMERS TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Four young farmers will sail for Australia, as guests of the Australian Government, on January 7. They have been selected by the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs as the most successful members of that organisation in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Their visit is in connection with the Australian 150th anniversary celebrations.

The chosen farmers are:—Mr. Eric Christopher (aged 20), Shotley Bridge, Durham; Mr. Ian Gilmour (22), Maybole, Ayrshire; Mr. Robert Gamble (19), Ballymintra, Bangor, Co. Down; and Mr. E. Williams (21), Llancarsan, Cardiff.

The Young Farmers' Club movement was founded in 1921, through the combined efforts of United Dairies, Ltd., and the late Lord Northcliffe. In 1925 the Ministry of Agriculture assisted by appointing an official to investigate and help in the organisation of more clubs. In 1932 the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs was set up. To-day the Federation has more than 300 clubs, with 7,500 members.

Irish Farming Review



How Milk is received in the up-to-date creamery at Neuruppin, Germany. The cans are placed on an endless conveyor, which brings them to the scales and tank, into which the milk is emptied. Photo shows also empty milk cans draining after steaming.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN BRITAIN

VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW

THE present widespread outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Britain has caused *Country Life* to make a special survey in the form of articles dealing with the disease and its related problems from the point of view of the scientist, the Ministry of Agriculture and the farmer. When the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Research Committee was appointed in 1924, it was known that the disease was highly infectious and was caused by the action of a "filterable" virus; but no sufficient foundation of scientific knowledge existed for administrative measures calculated to alleviate the heavy losses, not only to the State, but to farming interests generally, arising from the slaughter policy, or any other known method of dealing with the disease.

Research at Pirbright

Researches into immunity carried out by the Committee in their laboratory and in their field station at Pirbright have led to the discovery of many viruses which have to be dealt with. They have also shown that the resistance induced by an attack of the disease itself is a very solid one and far more durable than was formerly believed. This fact encourages the hope that an effective method of artificial immunisation may not be out of reach. This does not mean that the Committee can encourage the view that research may ultimately result in the existing policy of slaughter being replaced by one of vaccination; other factors must be taken into consideration, and, after all the research they have done, the Committee still think it likely that, under the conditions prevailing in this country, a slaughter policy may always be necessary to keep in hand so highly infectious a disease. On the other hand, an effective method of vaccination would be indirectly of great use. It could be employed to advantage in those countries where the disease is endemic and from which animal products are exported to the United Kingdom.

Hedgehogs

One of the most interesting developments reported in this year's report of the Research Committee is the discovery of the great susceptibility of the hedgehog to the disease. The discovery has provided the Committee with an experimental animal which may prove of great value, and one in which disease is conveyed by contact between one animal and another, in the same way as with ordinary farm stock. An interesting observation in experimental work both at Pirbright and elsewhere is that large and well-nourished animals show more severe signs of foot-and-mouth disease than small and ill-nourished individuals. This observation has been recorded before with regard to guinea-pigs and swine, and the work at Pirbright with cattle, rats and hedgehogs has now confirmed it.

The Policy of Slaughter

The slaughter policy adopted and enforced by the Ministry of Agriculture, continues the article, may be defined as follows:—It is to slaughter immediately on confirmation of the existence of the disease, all affected animals (cattle, sheep, swine or goats), and also those which are or have been recently in contact with the affected animals or otherwise directly exposed to infection. The object of such slaughter is to destroy as quickly as possible the manufacturers and potential manufacturers of the foot-and-mouth disease virus, which is so easily and rapidly spread from animal to animal and carried by numerous agencies to the stock of other farms. The slaughter of the stock on an infected place is normally completed within twenty-four hours of the report of the case being received by the Ministry of Agriculture.

In reply to the query: Why adopt the slaughter policy, Mr. H. G. Robinson writes:

Effect on Health of Cattle

"Actually, the mortality from foot-and-mouth disease is not the most serious aspect of the disease. But in a country like the United Kingdom, where dairy farming contributes such an important part of the farming income, the damage of the disease to milking herds, if it were investigated, would be found to have serious consequences. Affected animals dry off very quickly and give a much reduced yield, abortions are common, while udder and persistent foot troubles also have serious effects on the market value of cattle which have recovered from the disease. In the case of feeding cattle there is considerable wastage through the emaciation produced by the disease, and similar remarks apply to sheep and pigs. If, therefore, foot-and-mouth disease were allowed to spread without control measures being enforced, it can be readily understood how serious the ravages would be in a densely stocked country like ours, and farmers realise that it would fall upon the farming community to bear the whole cost of the disease.

"Among many farmers, on the other hand, there is a feeling that stricter measures could be taken to limit still further the possibility of the disease reaching these shores. That there are unusual sources of infection has been suspected for long among thoughtful people. Thus, among materials which are suspect are imported hay, straw, and vegetables; milk products, hides, carcases and animal offal, as well as humans visiting this country from abroad. The research workers have done much to examine the conditions under which the virus can survive, and this work has substantiated the suspicions of those who endeavour to explain the appearance of the disease."

CONTRACT BRIDGE AT LIMERICK

Winners at the Limerick weekly tournament were:—In Tournament A, Howell Movement—Dr. J. C. Troy and Mrs. Troy were first and Messrs Moran and Ryan second. In Tournament B, Mitchell match point movement, Mrs. Hefferanan and Mrs. Murphy (north, south) and Dr. Corboy and Mr. Walker (east, west) were first.

During the week what was probably the first duplicate contract bridge drive for charitable purposes held in this country took place in Limerick. A large number of those who participated had never played duplicate before, but they quickly adapted themselves to the game and there was no hitch. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Irwin and Mr. Walker, and Dr. Lane and Mr. Oldham.

DESTRUCTION OF WOOD PIGEONS

METHODS DESCRIBED

WOOD PIGEONS are among the most troublesome of farm pests, and, in districts in which they are abundant, persistent shooting may be necessary to prevent serious losses. During the winter there are in this country numbers of immigrant foreign wood pigeons, and these may often be seen in large flocks, moving from place to place as new feeding grounds are discovered. This time of the year, when the trees are bare, is especially suitable for effective shooting. Three principal methods are employed:—(1) Organised and synchronised shoots over a large area; (2) waiting in cover for the incoming birds at roosting time; and (3) shooting from a "hide," with or without decoys.

The first is a good method of reducing the birds, provided that a fairly large area is covered, that the guns are sufficiently expert and numerous, and that the time for the shoot is generally agreed upon by all concerned. Groups of guns are stationed at suitable points, and the essentials to success are that the birds shall be kept constantly on the move and that as much noise and commotion as possible shall accompany the proceedings.

Good Sport

The second method is useful if the pigeons' roosting places can be marked down without preliminary disturbance of the birds. It calls for quick and accurate shooting, and is better from a sporting point of view than from the strictly utilitarian.

The third method is the one most generally adopted, and if judgment is used as to the "pitch" selected, and care is taken when entering and leaving the hide, it is possible that more can be accomplished in this way than in any other. In the first place, the shots presented are much easier than those usually available under the other methods. A moderate or even a poor shot can, with reasonable care, account for quite large bags on suitable days, for in practically every instance the pigeons can be shot at rest, either on a tree or on the ground.

Making the "Hide"

The hide can be situated in or near any field where pigeons have been observed to be feeding. An ideal place for it is a dry ditch under a hedge between two fields. If there are a few isolated trees near at hand, so much the better, for pigeons will almost invariably settle in them for a final survey before coming to earth. The hide itself should be constructed of materials that are natural to the district, and should, of course, be as inconspicuous as possible. It should be roomy and comfortable, and should be roofed in with twigs, grass and other rough herbage gathered close at hand, and a few spy-holes should be pierced at convenient points.

It should be remembered that any visible movement of the shooter's person or gun may be fatal to the chances of a shot. Pigeons do not worry overmuch about slight, unexplained noises, provided always that the causes of such noises remain unseen; but a protruding, moving gun barrel or finger tip, if detected, will cause any pigeon to depart in a hurry.

Quietness Essential

The shooter should be careful not to emerge from a hide to pick up a bird while there is a possibility of other pigeons approaching, or if those disturbed by the report are still on the wing. It is better even to leave dead birds lying about than to show oneself too often. If, however, the shooter does leave the hide, he should be careful to pick up any stray feathers. A good spaniel or retriever may be employed with advantage, as pigeons, like most other birds, pay little attention to a dog.

The wood pigeon's sense of smell, like that of birds generally, seems to be very rudimentary, but it is better not to smoke in a hide. Tobacco smoke rising from a hedge or ditch is very noticeable, and pigeons, even if not actually scared by this, will watch the spot more closely and may detect some movement of the shooter within.

Decoy Birds

In places where food is plentiful and which are habitually visited by feeding pigeons, decoys may be dispensed with, but it is, nevertheless, always advisable to use these if possible. One, two, three or more can be put out, but two should be found sufficient; indeed, a single decoy is often all that is necessary. There are many admirable artificial decoys on the market made of wood, rubber, felt and other materials, but nothing is better than a well-stuffed, natural pigeon. The decoy should be affixed to a rough, flat board, and may be mounted in either an alert or a feeding position. One thing is vitally important—any bird mounted in an attitude of attention must be placed with its head to the wind. The distance from the hide to the decoy should be about 30 yards.

A double twelve-bore gun is best for the purpose, and any good standard load will do. As to shot sizes, nothing smaller than sixes should be used. Fives are better, and fours better still. With the last-mentioned size, the slight loss of density in pattern is more than compensated for by the increased striking force and penetrative power.

FEEDING STUFFS FOR PIGS

Advisory Leaflet, No. 41, of the English Ministry of Agriculture, "Feeding Stuffs for Use with Cereals in Pig Feeding," gives some useful facts and hints on certain of the pig feeding stuffs available on the market to-day. It has always been recognised that a diet of cereal meals alone (milling offals, barley, maize) does not produce very satisfactory results with growing pigs, though where separated milk is added there is always a marked improvement. The explanation is that cereals are not rich enough in proteins, lime, and salt, for the needs of the rapidly growing young pig, and where pigs are entirely confined to sties, the general poverty of cereals in the growth-promoting vitamins has its effect. The leaflet discusses the values of the following supplementary feeding stuffs: milk and milk products, feeding meals, bean and pea meals, dried blood, meat meal, fish meal, whale-meat meal, dried yeast, soya meal, and decorticated ground-nut meal.

WINTER SPRAYING OF TREES

The use in winter of washes containing tar distillate or mineral oils is now too well known to fruit growers to need recommendation. It will be sufficient to point out that "straight" tar distillate washes give a satisfactory control of all fruit-tree aphides that pass the winter in the egg state on the trees and bushes, that they will also control apple sucker, and destroy a fair proportion of the eggs of winter and mottled umber moths. They do not, however, have any marked effect on the eggs of the apple capsid or the common green capsid, nor do they check the fruit tree red spider. Wherever capsids are troublesome, the use of a mineral oil wash is to be recommended, and, under normal conditions, the best time of application is from the middle to the end of March. Spraying should be very thorough. Results obtained with winter sprays against red spider are unfortunately variable and rather uncertain, but a useful measure of control is often given by mineral oil washes applied at about the same time as for capsids.

Washes containing tar distillates must always be applied while the buds on the trees are in a dormant state. Mineral oil emulsions are, however, commonly used as late winter or early spring washes.

Some Causes of Failure

Certain of the causes of failure in the use of winter washes may be worth mention. One of them is inefficient spraying. It it not an easy matter to cover big trees satisfactorily unless the spraying equipment is adequate and when the work has to be done with apparatus that is really underpowered, very thorough and careful spraying is needed if parts of each tree are not to be missed. This is specially the case when the work has to be done in unfavourable weather. Another cause of failure lies in the use of waters that are so hard as to cause the emulsion to break down, with the result that the oils are unevenly distributed through the wash and the oil globules are without any protective covering. Where a hard water must be used, the makers of the wash to be purchased should invariably be consulted.

The instructions of the manufacturers should be exactly followed in making up the sprays. Many tar distillate washes contain a proportion of mineral oil mixed with the tar oil, and if they are over-diluted, the percentage of tar distillate in the spray fluid may not be sufficient to give a satisfactory control of aphides.

A YEAR'S PROGRESS

What will be the milk yield of our dairy cows twenty years hence? In 1914 1,000 gallons per year was exceptional. To-day yields of 2,000 and 3,000 gallons are not uncommon(while a whole herd has averaged 1,560 gallons.

Such is the present-day knowledge of feeding and housing cattle that no fears for the constitution of these high-yielding animals are entertained by those best qualified to judge. Indeed, one well-known authority, Mr. Joseph Edwards, of the Cambridge School of Agriculture, who has done much by research to improve both milk and butter fat yields, confidently predicts, in "The Farmer and Stock-Breeder 1938 Year Book," that yesterday's high yields will continue to become to-day's average yields. He points out that the present world-record cow returns in form of milk 45 per cent. of the food she eats, while an unimproved type of cow returns no more than 15 per cent.

Will Farmers Benefit?

What effect this continued improvement will have on the farmers' returns or on milk supplies to the public does not come within Mr. Edwards' sphere; but from the wealth of valuable statistical information contained in the Year Book the students of such things can draw his own conclusions.

Not only is the year reviewed in each branch of farming by competent practical men, but there are also some sixty-four pages of photogravure pictures of the outstanding pedigree animals of the year.

Among the reference data on the practice of both arable and grassland farming is included much useful information on poultry—a constructive criticism of breeding policy and standard rations. It is obtainable at most bookstalls at 2s. 6d. and 3s. 6d., or from Farmer and Stock-Breeder, Ltd., Dorset House, Stamford street, London, S.E.1, postage 6d. extra.

A WORK OF REFERENCE

One of the most valuable works of reference for farmers is "The Farmers' Red Book," the 1938 edition of which has now been published.

Among the articles is one on "Calf-Rearing Systems," in which Mr. W. D. Thompson points out that there are a number of successful systems in use up and down the country and that they should each choose the system best suited to their home circumstances. He explains the factors affecting a choice, and then how the various systems are carried out.

An important item which affects a farmer's feeding policy during the winter months is the quality of his hay crop, and in an article on "The Winter Feeding of Hay," by Mr. H. R. Jameson, B.Sc., it is explained how hay is a valuable foodstuff for young growing stock.

"Better Farm Buildings," by Mr. J. Y. Dunlop, is an article which will appeal to the progressive farmer who is thinking of improving his buildings and equipment, and includes a plan for a farm, showing location of important units in relation to each other.

M.R.C.V.S. contributes several articles which should prove invaluable to the stock-owner, among them being one on "Horse Paddocks and Pastures," and for the pig-owner on "Swine Pox" and "Farrowing Troubles," and another on "Dog Tapeworms."

The price of the "Farmers' Red Book" is 1s. 6d., through any bookseller. It is published at 8 Salisbury square, London, E.C.4.

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CAPITAL TO BE [...]

The annual general meeting [...] was held at the Engineers [...] street, Dublin, yesterday. [...] (Mr. R. G. H. Russell) pr[...] other members of the boar[...] Mr. F. J. McDonnell, man[...] Mr. James W. Lane, and Mr. [...] and the Secretary.

The Chairman (Mr. R. G. [...] the course of his speech, sa[...] glad to be able to tell the s[...] steady progress had been m[...] and the early months of the [...] view had caused the board [...] improvement in later months [...] a profit of £2,024, against a l[...] the end of the previous accou[...] improvement of almost £8,00[...] more patrons had paid for ad[...] previous figures, while some [...] shown had established records[...]

The Chairman believes tha[...] ment shown was the result of [...] of showing to the public the [...] be produced, in the most c[...] roundings in a house which [...] vision and sound.

The Chairman felt that th[...] was also due to the hard w[...] his colleagues, the managing [...] tary and manager, and the w[...] cellent and courteous, male an[...]

In proposing the adoption o[...] the Chairman said that there [...] calling for particular comment [...] upon Mr. F. J. McDonnell, [...] director, to second them, w[...] said that he now considered t[...] had established itself as a h[...] entertainment with the Dubl[...] looked forward with every c[...] successful future for the c[...] pointed out, however, that it [...] of regret that the Governme[...] take, roughly, 30 per cent. [...] takings, in addition to the im[...] give nothing in return.

He then stated that the [...] Exhibitors' Association, Irelan[...] putting a case before the Minis[...] earnestly pressing for a relie[...] would ask every shareholder [...] fluence he might have with his [...] Dail to help them to achieve [...]

Mr. D. McAllister was [...] director of the company. A [...] sion followed, and the shareh[...] sidered the special resolution[...] the proposal to reduce the cap[...] pany from £88,000 to £70,00[...] passed unanimously.

The meeting terminated w[...] thanks to the Chairman, pr[...] Kenny, and seconded by Mr. [...] passed unanimously.

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GRAND PRIX BROADCAST

ULSTER CLUB'S DEMAND

ULTIMATUM TO THE B.B.C.

FROM OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT.

THE Ulster Motor Cycle Club has decided that it will not permit the B.B.C. to broadcast a commentary on next year's Ulster Grand Prix unless a sum of £50 is paid to the club. So keen was the discussion on the subject of the broadcast that the annual meeting of the club dragged on until after midnight.

Mr. D. A. Boyd, who presided at the meeting, said that the people in Northern Ireland were going to have to pay more for their licences because of television, but there was to be no television in Northern Ireland. The B.B.C. would have to be prepared to pay for their programmes. He took the attitude that the Corporation should pay £50 or else they did not broadcast the Grand Prix.

CLUB'S REQUEST

It transpired in the discussion that the U.M.C.C. this year asked the B.B.C. for £75, but at that time plans for the broadcasting of the race had advanced so far that the B.B.C. were unable to make any change in their commitments and could not increase their annual subscription of £10 to the race funds. When there was a danger of the broadcast falling through, the Ulster Club was approached from England and a further £15 was guaranteed. This £15 had not yet been paid.

There seemed to be some doubt at the annual meeting as to where this £15 was to come from. It was stated that one of the announcers had agreed to give his fee to the club, and also that members of the Motor Cycle Manufacturers' Union were interested.

Captain F. T. Williamson, race secretary of the 1937 Grand Prix, said the B.B.C. gave them a paltry £10, while they erected steel structures around the course at a cost of £100. The club considered such structures unnecessary. The sales of stand seats suffered by reason of the race being broadcast.

Mr. H. H. Palmer, a former race secretary, suggested that the committee should write to supporters of the race for advice before they did anything

THE B.B.C.s PUBLIC

It was pointed out that the B.B.C. could broadcast the race without the club's permission, but in reply to this statement it was said that the club could make the broadcast very difficult by refusing any facilities. It also was stated that the B.B.C. had a public which wanted the race to be broadcast, and they would have to serve that public irrespective of the club.

Mr. S. G. Kennedy, chairman of committee, said that, while he would not go against the feeling of the meeting, he would not like to see the race not being broadcast.

Mr. Palmer said they should get the view of Norton Motors.

Mr. Boyd—"We run this race; not Norton Motors."

Mr. Palmer said the support of Norton's had been invaluable to them.

Eventually it was agreed, without any expressed dissent, that if the B.B.C. would not pay £50 the race would not be broadcast.

DEMANDS BY BEET-GROWERS

STRIKE WEAPON DISCUSSED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

ENNISCORTHY, Wednesday.

A meeting of County Wexford beet growers, held in Enniscorthy, unanimously decided to support the Central Executive of the Beet Growers' Association in the demand for 47s. 6d. a ton flat rate, plus free pulp, for next year's crop.

The meeting expressed the view that payment should be made on the basis of sugar content, which would be equal to 47s. 6d. flat rate.

Mr. John Sinnott, Clonroche, a member of the Executive, who presided, said that the Sugar Company wanted a three years' contract, and the Executive had asked that clauses should be embodied in the contract providing for the eventuality of a world war, or any other cause that might raise the cost of production for the farmer. They had firmly turned down the company's offer of 40s. a ton for the next three years. The beet goowers had dealings with two different Governments, and while they found both of them sympathetic, neither jumped to give the growers any aid when necessary. They did not want a strike, but if they could not get a fair return for their labour, a strike was the only resort.

Captain D. L. Condon said that while standing for a fair price they should remember that there were three interests involved—the producer of beet, the consumer of sugar, and those who invested money in the industry. On last year's profits he believed that the company could increase the price paid to the farmer, and still have a reasonable return.

Mr. William Thorpe, Knockroe, said that the Sugar Company would not give the growers any leniency.

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"I CAME HERE FOR MURDER"

SCENE AT FARM-HOUSE

STORY AT DUNDALK COURT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDALK, Wednesday.

"I CAME here to-night for murder. It's you or me for it to-night." A County Louth farmer, James Thornton, of Treagh, Hackballscross, told in Dundalk Court to-day how, after midnight, while he stood in his kitchen, a man shouted this threat through a window and then smashed the window. The man charged was John Martin, aged 25, also of Treagh, and the allegation was that on the 9th December he attempted to break into Thornton's house to commit a felony.

Thornton said that he was in bed, and after midnight, hearing a noise outside, he got up and brought a candle to the kitchen. He heard Martin's voice outside shouting that he wanted to get in.

"I told him that he would not get in, that it was too late," said the witness. "He kicked the door and shouted that he would have to get in, and that he would break in the door. He said: 'I came here for murder, and you will have to let me in.' Martin then smashed three panes of glass out of the window. When he did that I got a gun out of the bedroom, and told him that if he attempted to come in through the window I would blow his brains out."

In cross-examination by Mr. Hugh C. McGahon, Thornton said that Martin and he always had been good friends. Martin had gone to England, and while he was there he and Martin's brother had a row. Martin was only home from England for ten days before this incident.

BLOODSTAINS

Thornton said that when Martin went away from the window he and his wife left the house and stopped with a neighbour for the rest of the night. The next morning he saw bloodstains on the broken glass and also on the door of the kichen.

Mr. McGahon—I suggest that you broke the window yourself with the gun?—I did not.

Mrs. Thornton, who gave evidence, was asked by Mr. McGahon—Do you suggest that if he got in that night he would do any ham?—I believe he would with the threats he made, she said.

Martin said that he had been in Dundalk, where he had eight or nine drinks, and passing Thornton's house he called in a friendly way, and remembered knocking at the door. The first thing that happened was that Thornton ordered him away, and told him that he would blow his brains out if he did not do so. He then left because he was frightened, and had no recollection of breaking the window. He had no animus against the Thorntons, and was not influenced by the fact that his brother had a row with Thornton. He was only home on holidays from England, and was going back.

District Justice Goff bound Martin over for three years, and ordered him to pay compensation for the damage done to the house.

DIAMONDS STOLEN FROM FLAT

OCCUPANT GETS THREE MONTHS

Solomon Stanley Harris (32), described as a manufacturer's agent, of Hampstead, was charged on his own confession at Hampstead, London, yesterday, with stealing, while bailee, fourteen uncut diamonds, valued at £200, the property of Mr. Moss Joseph, of Holborn.

Detective-Inspector John Smith stated that Harris's wife lost a diamond ring, and on behalf of the insurance company Mr. Joseph sent seven uncut stones for Mrs. Harris to make a selection from. Last month a burglary at Harris's flat was reported to the police, and it was alleged that Harris took the diamonds, and then scattered articles about to make it appear that there had been a burglary.

It was stated that Harris, a man of excellent character, had been living right up to the hilt of his income. It was added that Mr. Joseph had sent two sets of uncut stones to Mrs. Harris—fourteen diamonds in all.

Harris was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Notice of appeal was given.

NATIONAL UNION OF RAILWAYMEN

NORTH WALL NO. 2 BRANCH DINNER

The annual social reunion dinner of the North Wall No. 2 Branch, National Union of Railwaymen, took place at the Red Bank Restaurant, Dublin, on Saturday evening last. The dinner was attended by over 100 members, relatives and friends. Among those present were:—Mr. C. D. Watters, chief Irish secretary; Mr. M. Pounder, organiser; Mr. T. Glazier Chief Inspector, G.S.R., North Wall, and Mr. F. W. Niall, President, Dublin District Council, National Union of Railwaymen.

The committee who had charge of the arrangements were:—Mr. J. Murphy, branch chairman; Mr. C. Gaskin, branch secretary; Mr. T. Ryan, treasurer (Social Committee); Mr. P. Morrissey, Mr. F. McMahon, Mr. T. Connolly, Mr. T. Walsh, Mr W. Walsh and Mr. R. Kennedy.

FOUR MONTHS UNCONSCIOUS

YOUNG WIFE NOW ABLE TO SIT UP

After four months of unconsciousness, Mrs. Ivy Ida Smith, aged 22, of Harrow, London, who on August 12 fell 80 feet from the roof of a stores, is now making good progress.

She is considered to be well enough to take part in a little Christmas party which her husband and the nurses at Middlesex Hospital have planned for her.

She is very cheerful and talks quite coherently to the nurses and to her husband, who comes every day.

HOME-GROWN WHEAT

PERCENTAGE TO BE MILLED

The Department of Agriculture announces that the Minister for Agriculture has made an Order under Section 6 of the Agricultural Produce (Cereals) Act, 1935, fixing the percentage of home-grown wheat to be milled by licensed millers during the cereal year 1938-'39 at 35 per cent.

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A CAREFULLY kept and little used 1937 Vauxhall 14 h.p. de Luxe Saloon for Sale, few months old; owner ordered to retire from motoring; what offers?—D 1316, this office. 18 E

ARMSTRONG Siddeley, 1934, self change, 12 horse power, four door Saloon, sliding roof, condition new, with full comprehensive insurance; accept £70.—D 1308, this office. 20 E

FOR Sale, Austin, 10 h.p., 1936, mileage 12,000, new condition; price £200, or nearest offer. To be seen Longford Arms Motor Works, Longford. 21 D

MORRIS 1936 12 h.p. Saloon, owner driven, going abroad; mileage under 10,000, splendid condition; trial appointment only, tel. 43059; best offer over £100 accepted. 20 E

AUSTIN 1937 12/4 Saloon, only six months in use, small mileage; £260. (See below.) 22 X

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AUSTIN 1932 16 h.p. Saloon, exceptional condition, small mileage; £80. (See below.) 22 X

FORD 1937 8 h.p. Saloon, perfect condition, only done 11,000 miles; £125. (See below.) 22 X

MORRIS 1936 12 h.p. Saloon, good condition and appearance; £135.—Ever Ready Garage, Ltd., Donnybrook, Ballsbridge (1024). 22 X

14.9 FORDOR Saloon, excellent condition; no reasonable offer refused.—D 1370, this office. 22 E

1928 HUPMOBILE, very fine car, suit taxi; new tyres and sound mechanically; £35 secures. Doyle's Motors, Ltd., 128 Stephen's Green. 21 E

1934 VAUXHALL 12 Saloon, just been completely overhauled, new tyres, and in perfect condition; a bargain, £85, cash or deferred.—Doyle's Motors, Ltd., 128 Stephen's Green. 21 E

1936 FORD De Luxe 10 h.p. Fordor, sliding roof, leather upholstery, engine reconditioned; taxed December 31.—Wallen, Trinity Street Garage. T

MOTOR CARS CONTINUED

1937 MORRIS 10.4 Saloon, sunshine roof, hydraulic jacks, mechanical and general condition excellent.—D 1310, this office. 20 E

1937 STANDARD 12 h.p., 7,000 miles (owner going abroad), £260 cash, or £150 deposit; balance monthly, to solvent purchaser.—D 1376, this office. 22 B

WANTED.

1937 SALOON wanted, 10 or 12 h.p. preferred; state price and colour. — D 1371, this office. 22 E

LORRIES, VANS, MOTOR AND STEAM HAULAGE

1937 DODGE 15 Cwt Van, finished in polished aluminium, looks as new, small mileage; a great bargain to clear at £175.—Huet Motors, Ltd., Lower Mount street, Dublin. 21 D

ACCESSORIES, TYRES, ETC.

COOK'S for Tyres, Oils and Batteries, largest in Ireland, cash or easy payments; catalogues on application.—Fenian street, Westland Row, Dublin. Telephone, 62618. Branch, Merchant's quay, Cork. T

BICYCLES.

B.S.A.—The World's Best Value. Any Model can be obtained, with dynamo lighting set, at 10/- deposit.—Kelly's, Bachelor's Walk. T

HERCULES Cycles—10/- secures any Model at Stevens, "The Cycle King," 8 Aston's quay and 244 Rathmines road, Dublin. T

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THE CLASSICS IN EDUCATION

BISHOP'S WORDS ABOUT CULTURE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BALLAGHADEREEN, Wednesday.

The inclusion of Greek and Latin in school courses was urged by the Most Rev. Dr. Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry, when he spoke at the annual distribution of prizes to students at St. Nathy's College, Ballaghadereen, to-day.

The President, the Very Rev. Father Forhan, paid a tribute to the Rev. Canon Blaine, who, he said, was responsible for the proud position that St. Nathy's held. He had seen the college grow from a small, struggling school to the big institution that it is to-day, with more than 130 intern pupils. Of the pupils who finished their studies last June, four, he said, went to Maynooth, one to Rome, one to Waterford, two to All Hallows' and three joined the Maynooth Mission to China.

The President said that the mere counting of passes and honours gave no indication of the extent or quality of the education given in such an institution as that. All that was required by the Board for passing either certificate examination was a pass in Irish and four other subjects. Were they to confine the programme of studies to the limited number of subjects required they might conceivably add many to the number of passes. They preferred, however, to keep the wider range of subjects, which included physical sciences and the ancient classics.

Dr. Morrisroe, having paid tribute to Canon Blaine, said that victory had crowned the Canon's term of office. The report of the new President gave an insight into his intellectual calibre. So far as his remarks were critical of existing conditions of higher education they must meet with general acceptance; for there were anomalies in the prevailing system that needed to be eliminated. Not only parents, but experts, teachers and managers, should have something to say to the selection and arrangement of programmes, so that it seemed that much attention ought to be given to the suggestions now being made for setting up an Advisory Council of Education, representative of all classes.

Culture was a blessed word, but there could be no genuine culture, in the Catholic sense, anyway, without an acquaintance with philosophy, which taught the causes of things, and without a knowledge of the sacred sciences, which told what we really are, what our destiny is, what are our relations with God, with Christ and with the world to come. Nor could it be truly said that a system of education was cultural which left out of sight the languages of Ancient Greece and Rome, which enshrined the greatest literature of the world.

CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC DELAY

RAILWAYMEN ADOPT "GO SLOW" POLICY

A dispute between the L.N.E.R. and a section of their staff has led to a stoppage at Ardwick Goods Station, Manchester, which is holding up a considerable amount of Christmas traffic.

The L.N.E.R. announced the stoppage in an official statement yesterday, which declares:—"The dispute has arisen in regard to the probationary appointment to a position at Ardwick of a disabled employé unfit for heavy work.

"A section of the staff at Ardwick objected to the appointment and adopted a policy of slow working to enforce their views. The company could not overlook this action and required assurances of normal working which the staff refused to give. The methods of appointment of this section of staff in the service of the L.N.E.R. are governed by agreements reached by the Sectional Council representing both the railway company and the section of staff concerned."

Over 300 employés are affected. The principal consignments of Christmas goods for Manchester traders had already been dealt with.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables was held at the hospital on Tuesday morning, 21st inst., at 9.30 o'clock, Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (chairman), presiding. There were 230 Governors present at this meeting.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read, confirmed and signed. Apologies were received from a number of Governors unable to be present.

Mrs. C. A. Jones, Miss Redington Roche, Mr. G. E. Mitchell, and Mr. J. F. McGuire having kindly consented to act, were appointed Visiting Governors for the month.

On the proposal of Mr. F. A. Lowe, P.C., seconded by Mr. Patrick Lynch, K.C., the following resolution was passed with acclamation:—"The Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables desire to express their sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. S. Orpen for their kindness in entertaining the patients and staff to a special tea, which was much enjoyed by all."

The following were unanimously elected Life Governors, being nominated by the executors of the late Miss Mary FitzGibbon:—His Honor Judge Doyle, Mr. Stephen H. Lynch, Miss Barbara Stephenson, Rev. Patrick Dunlea, C.C.; Rev. Anthony Camac, C.C.

The Chairman appealed to the many friends of the charity for financial assistance. Life Governors are qualified as such by payment of £21. They are entitled to visit the hospital at all times consistent with its due order to recommend candidates for admission and to vote for their election, and to vote for the election of the visiting medical officer and the Managing Committee. All contributions of £5 5s. 0d. (received on or before 31st December) entitle the donors to all the privileges of Life Governorship for one year from 1st January, 1938.

It was announced that Christmas Day would be celebrated at the hospital in the usual time-honoured manner, and dinners will be served at 12.30. Governors and other friends are cordially invited to be present. Music and singing will be greatly appreciated. All contributions towards the Christmas Delicacies Fund (which is still open) will be gratefully received by the Registrar or the Lady Superintendent.

The Chairman appealed for gifts of wearing apparel for male and female patients, and announced that books and magazines give great pleasure to the patients at the festive season.

The election of patients was then proceeded with. 19 names appeared on the printed list, and the following having obtained the highest number of votes were declared duly elected patients:—Eleanor Hendy and Elizabeth Valentine.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, 18th January, 1938.

The Board tender their grateful thanks for the following kind contributions received since last meeting:—£9—Miss Ina A. Moses. £5 5/—Messrs. Edward Lee and Co., Ltd. £2 2/—A. G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (hon. treasurer). £2—Miss M. L. Hatte. £1 1/- each—Miss Kate Sullivan, Mrs. D. L. Deale, Victor G. L. Drought, Esq. £1 each—G. H. Lowry, Esq.; Miss Johnston, Miss E. St. C. Kennedy. 10/—Mrs. Newcombe.

Further contributions are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully received by:—Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Chairman), Balnagowan, Palmerston Park, Dublin; Patrick J. Brady, Esq. (Vice-Chairman), Glena, Booterstown, Co. Dublin; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (hon. treasurer), The Haven, Palmerston Gardens, Dublin; or by the Registrar at the Hospital.

GIFT TO DUBLIN CHURCH

GENEROSITY OF FACTORY WORKERS

A gift of two telescopic brass stands and four brass vases from the members of the staff of Messrs. W. and R. Jacob and Co., for the Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Kevin's Hospital, Dublin Union, was presented by Mr. J. F. O'Dwyer, of Messrs. Clery and Co., manufacturers, to the Dublin Board of Public Assistance at its weekly meeting yesterday.

This was the fourth gift given to the church by the workers of Messrs. Jacob and Co.

Tributes to the workers were paid by Mr. O'Dwyer, and, on behalf of the Board, by Messrs. R. Blake, Vice-Chairman, who presided; the Rev. J. V. Coffey, Chaplain; Mr. P. Cummins, Dr. Hannigan, T.D.; Messrs. D. Healy and T. Cosgrave.

The Board extended thanks to Miss Margaret Pearse, who, with a number of friends, distributed toys and sweets to the children in the children's infirmary. It was stated that no visits will be allowed to the infirmary on the 26th inst., on account of the treat being given by the Lord Mayor to the patients in St. Kevin's Hospital and Home.

RELIEF INCREASED

The relief supervisors reported that for the week ended 18th December, 1937, 7,388 cases were relieved at a cost of £3,651, being a decrease of twenty cases for a decreased expenditure of £74 15s. 2d. from the previous week, and an increase of 697 cases and an increase of £235 13s. 10d. over the corresponding week last year.

Dr. ffrench O'Carroll, F.R.C.S., L.M., L.R.C.P.S.I., dispensary medical officer, Lucan, was appointed dispensary medical officer, Ballsbridge, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Mortimer Walters. Dr. O'Carroll, a native of Dublin, is a gold medallist of the Royal College of Surgeons, and before being appointed to Lucan was on the staff of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital. He is medical referee for the Dublin Corporation and the Board of Assistance.

Thirty applicants sought appointment to the posts of ward mistress, three of which were vacant. The successful candidates were:—Miss M. J. Moran, St. Kevin's Hospital; Mrs. C. Walsh, Dublin road, Malahide, and Mrs. Mary Scully, 81 Tyrconnell Park, Inchicore.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

SMASHED CUBICLE IN MEATH HOSPITAL

MAN REMOVED BY THE POLICE

(BEFORE MR. CONWAY.)

Alleged to have "smashed up" a cubicle in the accident department of the Meath Hospital, Dublin, on Tuesday night, James Roche, no fixed address, was remanded for medical examination.

Evidence was given that Roche broke the frosted glass of the cubicle, and threw pots and buckets around the department. Finally he "broke up" the cubicle with a trolley, and became, it was alleged, so violent that nobody could go near him. He was removed by Guards.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE POOR BOX.

JUSTICE THANKS THE DONORS

In the Dublin District Court yesterday, Mr. J. P. Collins, solicitor, said that he was glad to be able to respond to the appeal of Mr. Hannan for subscriptions to the poor box. In handing in subscriptions on behalf of the Solicitors' Bar Association and the Automobile Association he said that the donors wished to express their appreciation of Mr. Hannan's efforts on behalf of the poor box, and hoped that his appeal would be generously responded to.

Mr. Hannan said that he wished to express his thanks to the Solicitors' Bar Association for its very generous subscription, and also for all other contributions.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Thursday, December 23.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION (Examiners' Branch)

At 93 Merrion square.

Before Mr. Mangan, at 3 o'clock—Major W. Henry (S. 5067), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

At 89 Merrion square.

Before Mr. Tyrell, at 3 o'clock—Cosby (S. 6037), directions.

Before Miss Phelan, at 12 o'clock—The Rev. G. J. Wilson and anor. (S. 4726), vouch items.

Before Mr. P. Byrne, at 11 o'clock—Staunton (S. 5079), discharge rulings.

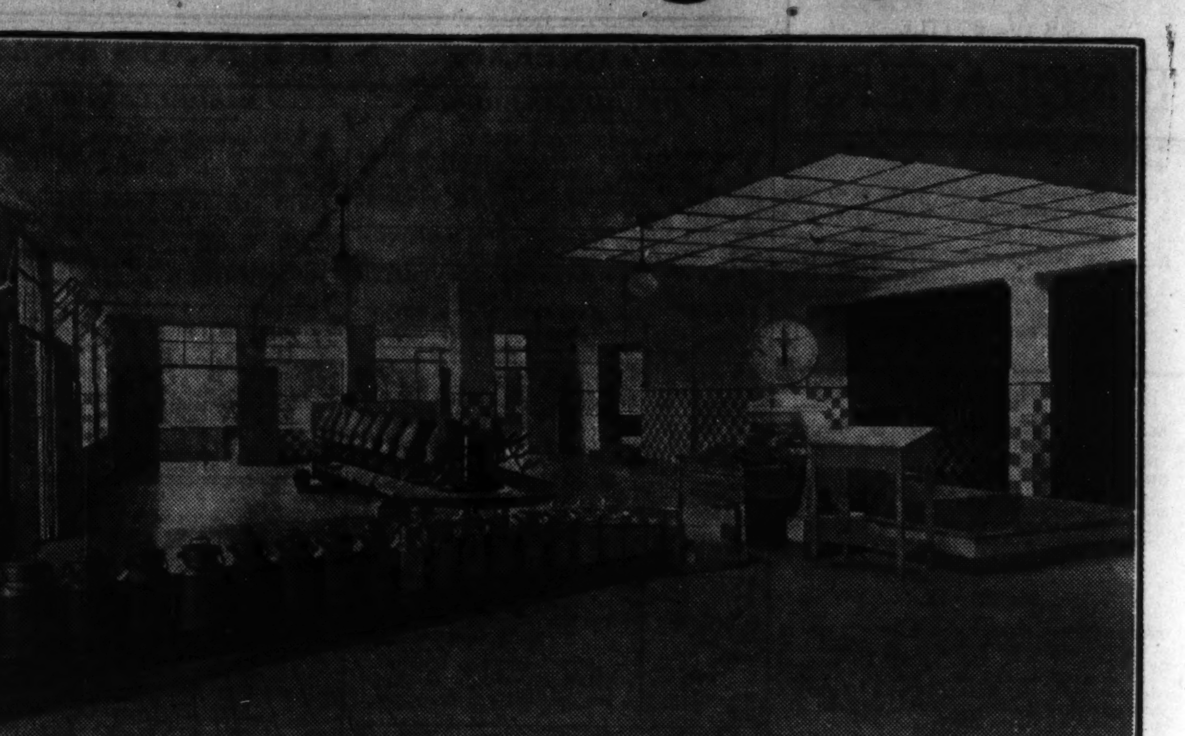
YOUNG FARMERS TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Four young farmers will sail for Australia, as guests of the Australian Government, on January 7. They have been selected by the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs as the most successful members of that organisation in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Their visit is in connection with the Australian 150th anniversary celebrations.

The chosen farmers are:—Mr. Eric Christopher (aged 20), Shotley Bridge, Durham; Mr. Ian Gilmour (22), Maybole, Ayrshire; Mr. Robert Gamble (19), Ballymintra, Bangor, Co. Down; and Mr. E. Williams (21), Llancarsan, Cardiff.

The Young Farmers' Club movement was founded in 1921, through the combined efforts of United Dairies, Ltd., and the late Lord Northcliffe. In 1925 the Ministry of Agriculture assisted by appointing an official to investigate and help in the organisation of more clubs. In 1932 the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs was set up. To-day the Federation has more than 300 clubs, with 7,500 members.

Irish Farming Review



How Milk is received in the up-to-date creamery at Neuruppin, Germany. The cans are placed on an endless conveyor, which brings them to the scales and tank, into which the milk is emptied. Photo shows also empty milk cans draining after steaming.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN BRITAIN

VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW

THE present widespread outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Britain has caused *Country Life* to make a special survey in the form of articles dealing with the disease and its related problems from the point of view of the scientist, the Ministry of Agriculture and the farmer. When the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Research Committee was appointed in 1924, it was known that the disease was highly infectious and was caused by the action of a "filterable" virus; but no sufficient foundation of scientific knowledge existed for administrative measures calculated to alleviate the heavy losses, not only to the State, but to farming interests generally, arising from the slaughter policy, or any other known method of dealing with the disease.

Research at Pirbright

Researches into immunity carried out by the Committee in their laboratory and in their field station at Pirbright have led to the discovery of many viruses which have to be dealt with. They have also shown that the resistance induced by an attack of the disease itself is a very solid one and far more durable than was formerly believed. This fact encourages the hope that an effective method of artificial immunisation may not be out of reach. This does not mean that the Committee can encourage the view that research may ultimately result in the existing policy of slaughter being replaced by one of vaccination; other factors must be taken into consideration, and, after all the research they have done, the Committee still think it likely that, under the conditions prevailing in this country, a slaughter policy may always be necessary to keep in hand so highly infectious a disease. On the other hand, an effective method of vaccination would be indirectly of great use. It could be employed to advantage in those countries where the disease is endemic and from which animal products are exported to the United Kingdom.

Hedgehogs

One of the most interesting developments reported in this year's report of the Research Committee is the discovery of the great susceptibility of the hedgehog to the disease. The discovery has provided the Committee with an experimental animal which may prove of great value, and one in which disease is conveyed by contact between one animal and another, in the same way as with ordinary farm stock. An interesting observation in experimental work both at Pirbright and elsewhere is that large and well-nourished animals show more severe signs of foot-and-mouth disease than small and ill-nourished individuals. This observation has been recorded before with regard to guinea-pigs and swine, and the work at Pirbright with cattle, rats and hedgehogs has now confirmed it.

The Policy of Slaughter

The slaughter policy adopted and enforced by the Ministry of Agriculture, continues the article, may be defined as follows:—It is to slaughter immediately on confirmation of the existence of the disease, all affected animals (cattle, sheep, swine or goats), and also those which are or have been recently in contact with the affected animals or otherwise directly exposed to infection. The object of such slaughter is to destroy as quickly as possible the manufacturers and potential manufacturers of the foot-and-mouth disease virus, which is so easily and rapidly spread from animal to animal and carried by numerous agencies to the stock of other farms. The slaughter of the stock on an infected place is normally completed within twenty-four hours of the report of the case being received by the Ministry of Agriculture.

In reply to the query: Why adopt the slaughter policy, Mr. H. G. Robinson writes:

Effect on Health of Cattle

"Actually, the mortality from foot-and-mouth disease is not the most serious aspect of the disease. But in a country like the United Kingdom, where dairy farming contributes such an important part of the farming income, the damage of the disease to milking herds, if it were investigated, would be found to have serious consequences. Affected animals dry off very quickly and give a much reduced yield, abortions are common, while udder and persistent foot troubles also have serious effects on the market value of cattle which have recovered from the disease. In the case of feeding cattle there is considerable wastage through the emaciation produced by the disease, and similar remarks apply to sheep and pigs. If, therefore, foot-and-mouth disease were allowed to spread without control measures being enforced, it can be readily understood how serious the ravages would be in a densely stocked country like ours, and farmers realise that it would fall upon the farming community to bear the whole cost of the disease.

"Among many farmers, on the other hand, there is a feeling that stricter measures could be taken to limit still further the possibility of the disease reaching these shores. That there are unusual sources of infection has been suspected for long among thoughtful people. Thus, among materials which are suspect are imported hay, straw, and vegetables; milk products, hides, carcases and animal offal, as well as humans visiting this country from abroad. The research workers have done much to examine the conditions under which the virus can survive, and this work has substantiated the suspicions of those who endeavour to explain the appearance of the disease."

CONTRACT BRIDGE AT LIMERICK

Winners at the Limerick weekly tournament were:—In Tournament A, Howell Movement—Dr. J. C. Troy and Mrs. Troy were first and Messrs. Moran and Ryan second. In Tournament B, Mitchell match point movement, Mrs. Hefferanan and Mrs. Murphy (north, south) and Dr. Corboy and Mr. Walker (east, west) were first.

During the week what was probably the first duplicate contract bridge drive for charitable purposes held in this country took place in Limerick. A large number of those who participated had never played duplicate before, but they quickly adapted themselves to the game and there was no hitch. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Irwin and Mr. Walker, and Dr. Lane and Mr. Oldham.

DESTRUCTION OF WOOD PIGEONS

METHODS DESCRIBED

WOOD PIGEONS are among the most troublesome of farm pests, and, in districts in which they are abundant, persistent shooting may be necessary to prevent serious losses. During the winter there are in this country numbers of immigrant foreign wood pigeons, and these may often be seen in large flocks, moving from place to place as new feeding grounds are discovered. This time of the year, when the trees are bare, is especially suitable for effective shooting. Three principal methods are employed:—(1) Organised and synchronised shoots over a large area; (2) waiting in cover for the incoming birds at roosting time; and (3) shooting from a "hide," with or without decoys.

The first is a good method of reducing the birds, provided that a fairly large area is covered, that the guns are sufficiently expert and numerous, and that the time for the shoot is generally agreed upon by all concerned. Groups of guns are stationed at suitable points, and the essentials to success are that the birds shall be kept constantly on the move and that as much noise and commotion as possible, shall accompany the proceedings.

Good Sport

The second method is useful if the pigeons' roosting places can be marked down without preliminary disturbance of the birds. It calls for quick and accurate shooting, and is better from a sporting point of view than from the strictly utilitarian.

The third method is the one most generally adopted, and if judgment is used as to the "pitch" selected, and care is taken when entering and leaving the hide, it is possible that more can be accomplished in this way than in any other. In the first place, the shots presented are much easier than those usually available under the other methods. A moderate or even a poor shot can, with reasonable care, account for quite large bags on suitable days, for in practically every instance the pigeons can be shot at rest, either on a tree or on the ground.

Making the "Hide"

The hide can be situated in or near any field where pigeons have been observed to be feeding An ideal place for it is a dry ditch under a hedge between two fields. If there are a few isolated trees near at hand, so much the better, for pigeons will almost invariably settle in them for a final survey before coming to earth. The hide itself should be constructed of materials that are natural to the district, and should, of course, be as inconspicuous as possible. It should be roomy and comfortable, and should be roofed in with twigs, grass and other rough herbage gathered close at hand, and a few spy-holes should be pierced at convenient points.

It should be remembered that any visible movement of the shooter's person or gun may be fatal to the chances of a shot. Pigeons do not worry overmuch about slight, unexplained noises, provided always that the causes of such noises remain unseen; but a protruding, moving gun barrel or finger tip, if detected, will cause any pigeon to depart in a hurry.

Quietness Essential

The shooter should be careful not to emerge from a hide to pick up a bird while there is a possibility of other pigeons approaching, or if those disturbed by the report are still on the wing. It is better even to leave dead birds lying about than to show oneself too often. If, however, the shooter does leave the hide, he should be careful to pick up any stray feathers. A good spaniel or retriever may be employed with advantage, as pigeons, like most other birds, pay little attention to a dog.

The wood pigeon's sense of smell, like that of birds generally, seems to be very rudimentary, but it is better not to smoke in a hide. Tobacco smoke rising from a hedge or ditch is very noticeable, and pigeons, even if not actually scared by this, will watch the spot more closely and may detect some movement of the shooter within.

Decoy Birds

In places where food is plentiful and which are habitually visited by feeding pigeons, decoys may be dispensed with, but it is, nevertheless, always advisable to use these if possible. One, two, three or more can be put out, but two should be found sufficient; indeed, a single decoy is often all that is necessary. There are many admirable artificial decoys on the market made of wood, rubber, felt and other materials, but nothing is better than a well-stuffed, natural pigeon. The decoy should be affixed to a rough, flat board, and may be mounted in either an alert or a feeding position. One thing is vitally important—any bird mounted in an attitude of attention must be placed with its head to the wind. The distance from the hide to the decoy should be about 30 yards.

A double twelve-bore gun is best for the purpose, and any good standard load will do. As to shot sizes, nothing smaller than sixes should be used. Fives are better, and fours better still. With the last-mentioned size, the slight loss of density in pattern is more than compensated for by the increased striking force and penetrative power.

FEEDING STUFFS FOR PIGS

Advisory Leaflet, No. 41, of the English Ministry of Agriculture, "Feeding Stuffs for Use with Cereals in Pig Feeding," gives some useful facts and hints on certain of the pig feeding stuffs available on the market to-day. It has always been recognised that a diet of cereal meals alone (milling offals, barley, maize) does not produce very satisfactory results with growing pigs, though where separated milk is added there is always a marked improvement. The explanation is that cereals are not rich enough in proteins, lime, and salt, for the needs of the rapidly growing young pig, and where pigs are entirely confined to sties, the general poverty of cereals in the growth-promoting vitamins has its effect. The leaflet discusses the values of the following supplementary feeding stuffs: milk and milk products, feeding meals, bean and pea meals, dried blood, meat meal, fish meal, whale-meat meal, dried yeast, soya meal, and decorticated ground-nut meal.

WINTER SPRAYING OF TREES

The use in winter of washes containing tar distillate or mineral oils is now too well known to fruit growers to need recommendation. It will be sufficient to point out that "straight" tar distillate washes give a satisfactory control of all fruit-tree aphides that pass the winter in the egg state on the trees and bushes, that they will also control apple sucker, and destroy a fair proportion of the eggs of winter and mottled umber moths. They do not, however, have any marked effect on the eggs of the apple capsid or the common green capsid, nor do they check the fruit tree red spider. Wherever capsids are troublesome, the use of a mineral oil wash is to be recommended, and, under normal conditions, the best time of application is from the middle to the end of March. Spraying should be very thorough. Results obtained with winter sprays against red spider are unfortunately variable and rather uncertain, but a useful measure of control is often given by mineral oil washes applied at about the same time as for capsids.

Washes containing tar distillates must always be applied while the buds on the trees are in a dormant state. Mineral oil emulsions are, however, commonly used as late winter or early spring washes.

Some Causes of Failure

Certain of the causes of failure in the use of winter washes may be worth mention. One of them is inefficient spraying. It is not an easy matter to cover big trees satisfactorily unless the spraying equipment is adequate and when the work has to be done with apparatus that is really underpowered, very thorough and careful spraying is needed if parts of each tree are not to be missed. This is specially the case when the work has to be done in unfavourable weather. Another cause of failure lies in the use of waters that are so hard as to cause the emulsion to break down, with the result that the oils are unevenly distributed through the wash and the oil globules are without any protective covering. Where a hard water must be used, the makers of the wash to be purchased should invariably be consulted.

The instructions of the manufacturers should be exactly followed in making up the sprays. Many tar distillate washes contain a proportion of mineral oil mixed with the tar oil, and if they are over-diluted, the percentage of tar distillate in the spray fluid may not be sufficient to give a satisfactory control of aphides.

A YEAR'S PROGRESS

What will be the milk yield of our dairy cows twenty years hence? In 1914 1,000 gallons per year was exceptional. To-day yields of 2,000 and 3,000 gallons are not uncommon(while a whole herd has averaged 1,560 gallons.

Such is the present-day knowledge of feeding and housing cattle that no fears for the constitution of these high-yielding animals are entertained by those best qualified to judge. Indeed, one well-known authority, Mr. Joseph Edwards, of the Cambridge School of Agriculture, who has done much by research to improve both milk and butter fat yields, confidently predicts, in "The Farmer and Stock-Breeder 1938 Year Book," that yesterday's high yields will continue to become to-day's average yields. He points out that the present world-record cow returns in form of milk 45 per cent. of the food she eats, while an unimproved type of cow returns no more than 15 per cent.

Will Farmers Benefit?

What effect this continued improvement will have on the farmers' returns or on milk supplies to the public does not come within Mr. Edwards' sphere; but from the wealth of valuable statistical information contained in the Year Book the students of such things can draw his own conclusions.

Not only is the year reviewed in each branch of farming by competent practical men, but there are also some sixty-four pages of photogravure pictures of the outstanding pedigree animals of the year.

Among the reference data on the practice of both arable and grassland farming is included much useful information on poultry—a constructive criticism of breeding policy and standard rations. It is obtainable at most bookstalls at 2s. 6d. and 3s. 6d., or from Farmer and Stock-Breeder, Ltd., Dorset House, Stamford street, London, S.E.1, postage 6d. extra.

A WORK OF REFERENCE

One of the most valuable works of reference for farmers is "The Farmers' Red Book," the 1938 edition of which has now been published.

Among the articles is one on "Calf-Rearing Systems," in which Mr. W. D. Thompson points out that there are a number of successful systems in use up and down the country and that they should each choose the system best suited to their home circumstances. He explains the factors affecting a choice, and then how the various systems are carried out.

An important item which affects a farmer's feeding policy during the winter months is the quality of his hay crop, and in an article on "The Winter Feeding of Hay," by Mr. H. R. Jameson, B.Sc., it is explained how hay is a valuable foodstuff for young growing stock.

"Better Farm Buildings," by Mr. J. Y. Dunlop, is an article which will appeal to the progressive farmer who is thinking of improving his buildings and equipment, and includes a plan for a farm, showing location of important units in relation to each other.

M.R.C.V.S. contributes several articles which should prove invaluable to the stock-owner, among them being one on "Horse Paddocks and Pastures," and for the pig-owner on "Swine Pox" and "Farrowing Troubles," and another on "Dog Tapeworms."

The price of the "Farmers' Red Book" is 1s. 6d., through any bookseller. It is published at 8 Salisbury square, London, E.C.4.

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GOVERNMENT FUNDS.
5% Second National Lo...
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3½% Compensation Sto...
4½% Land Bonds ......

BRITISH FUNDS.
3½% War Loan ......

CORPORATION STOCKS.
Dublin 4% 1960/85 ......

BANKS.
Munster and Leinster ...
National ......
Provincial Old ......
Do. New ......

BREWERIES AND DISTIL...
Distillers Ord. ......
Guinness Ord. ......

RAILS, TRAMS, ETC.
Great Northern Ord. ...
Great Southern Ord. ...
Do. Pref. ......

GAS.
Alliance Gas Ord. ......

DRAPERIES.
McBirney Pref. ......

IRISH INDUSTRIALS.
Cement Ord. ......
Hammond Lane Pref. ...
Irish-American Oil Pref. ...
Irish Sugar Pref. ...
Martin (T. and C.) Pref. ...
Pye (Ireland) Ord. ...
Solus Ord. ......
Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. ...
Do. Pref. ......
Salts (Ireland) Ord. ...

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS.
B.A.T. Ord. ......
Brazilian Traction ......
Brewers and Distillers of ...
Coats (J. and P.) Ord. ...
Courtaulds Ord. ......
Dunlop Rubbers ......
Imperial Chemical Ord. ...
Imperial Tobacco Ord. ...
International Nickel ...
Mexican Eagle Oil ...
Napier Motor Ord. ...
Shell Transport Ord. ...
U.S. Steels ......

* Odd lot. a asked. ... (Last business done give...

STOCK EXCHANGE S...
Contango ......
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IRISH BANKS
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BELFAS[T]

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CORK

Fourth National Loan re... version Loan 105, Land ... 107⅜, War Loan marked 10... repeated 121s. and Provi... Guinness Ordinary unalte... Tanners Ordinary buyers 1... Co. (fully paid), sellers 7... buyers 57s. 6d., sellers 60s.

STEPHEN'S ... CINEMA.

CAPITAL TO BE ...

The annual general meetin... was held at the Engineer... street, Dublin, yesterday. ... (Mr. R. G. H. Russell) ... other members of the boa... Mr. F. J. McDonnell, ma... Mr. James W. Lane, and Mr... and the Secretary.

The Chairman (Mr. R. G... the course of his speech, ... glad to be able to tell the ... steady progress had been ... and the early months of th... view had caused the board ... improvement in later month... a profit of £2,024, against a... the end of the previous acco... improvement of almost £8,0... more patrons had paid for a... previous figures, while some... shown had established recor...

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Mr. D. McAllister was ... director of the company. A... sion followed, and the shareh... sidered the special resolution... the proposal to reduce the ca... pany from £88,000 to £70,0... passed unanimously.

The meeting terminated ... thanks to the Chairman, p... Kenny, and seconded by Mr. ... passed unanimously.

OIL YIEL[D]...

Financial News & Notes

DUBLIN QUIET

LAND BONDS EASIER

SOLUS ORD. LOWER

There was even a further contraction in trading on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, and price changes were generally small and featureless.

The Free State Funds were easier for choice, and the Second National Loan and Land Bonds both tended lower. War Loan improved to 101⅝.

Banks were well maintained, and of Breweries Guinness Ord. repeated 122s.

In Rails Great Southern Pref. fell 1½ points, and elsewhere Alliance Gas Ord. were again 32s. 6d.

McBirney Pref. fell 2s. 6d., and Solus Ord. lost 1s. 3d. Irish Sugar Pref. and T. and C. Martin Pref. inclined to harden, but Pye (Ireland) Ord. shaded off to 8s. 6d.

British Industrials were practically at a standstill. Tobaccos showed a firmer tendency, with B.A.T. Ord. 109s. 6d., and Imperials 148s. 9d. Other leading issues were hovering round their previous levels.

International Nickels advanced to 46⅜, and Brazil Tractions changed hands at 13¼ x.d.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

The prices given in the following tables were marked before 2.45 p.m. yesterday:—

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.
5% Second National Loan ....(113½) 113¼
3½% Fourth Loan ....(101⅛) 101⅛
3½% Compensation Stock ....(98½) 98½
4½% Land Bonds ....(107¾) 107⅝

BRITISH FUNDS.
3½% War Loan ....(101¼) 101⅝ ¾

CORPORATION STOCKS.
Dublin 4% 1960/85 ....(101) *101

BANKS.
Munster and Leinster ....(121/-) *121/-
National ....(53/6) 53/9
Provincial Old ....(59/-) 59/-
Do. New ....(55/-) 57/-b 59/-a

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.
Distillers Ord. ....(104/6) 106/-b 107/3a
Guinness Ord. ....(122/-) 122/-

RAILS, TRAMS, ETC.
Great Northern Ord. ....(5½) 5½b 6a
Great Southern Ord. ....(23) 23b 26a
Do. Pref. ....(35) 33½

GAS.
Alliance Gas Ord. ....(32/6) 32/6

DRAPERIES.
McBirney Pref. ....(7/6) 5/-

IRISH INDUSTRIALS.
Cement Ord. ....(21/9) 21/6b 21/9a
Hammond Lane Pref. ....(22/9) 22/9
Irish-American Oil Pref. ....(21/6) 21/6
Irish Sugar Pref. ....(24/6) 24/10½
Martin (T. and C.) Pref. ....(23/9) 24/-
Pye (Ireland) Ord. ....(8/7½) 8/6
Solus Ord. ....(28/9) 27/6
Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. ....(31/6) 31/6
Do. Pref. ....(27/6) *27/6
Salts (Ireland) Ord. *4/9

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS.
B.A.T. Ord. ....(110/-) 109/6
Brazilian Traction .... 13¼ x.d.
Brewers and Distillers of Vancouver 20/-
Coats (J. and P.) Ord. ....(41/6) 40/9b 41/9a
Courtaulds Ord. ....(47/-) 46/9b 47/9a
Dunlop Rubbers ....(33/-) 32/6b 33/6a
Imperial Chemical Ord. ....(35/1½) 35/-b 35/9a
Imperial Tobacco Ord. ....(148/6) *148/9
International Nickel .... 46⅜ ⅝
Mexican Eagle Oil 12/4½
Napier Motor Ord. 9/1¾
Shell Transport Ord. ....(101/-) 99/-b 101/-a
U.S. Steels 61⅛

* Odd lot. a asked. b bid. c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.		
Contango	Jan. 3	Jan. 17
Ticket	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
Intermediate	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
Account Day	Jan. 6	Jan. 20

IRISH BANKS' RATE.
Irish Banks' rate (June 20, 1932) ... 3 %
Loans on Government Stocks transferred 2½%
Deposits under £2,000 .... 1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over 1½%
The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

BELFAST

War Loan gained a fraction, 101⅝, 101¾; 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan 102 5/16, 4½ per cent Guaranteed Bonds 112⅝; 4½ per cent. Ulster Loans 108. Westminster Bank Part Paid 91s. 4½d., and Fully Paid 66s. 9¾d.; Courtaulds 47s., 47s. 3d.; British-American Tobacco 5 per cent. Preference 26s. 6d., Imperial Tobacco Ordinary 149s., Imperial Chemical Ordinary 35s. 6d., International Nickels 46½, 46 11/16, 46⅝ dollars; Burmah Oils 118s. 3d., Shell Transports 100s., Australian 3½ per cent., 1951-'54, 96½; Turner and Newalls 85s. 9d.

CORK

Fourth National Loan remained 101⅛, Conversion Loan 105, Land Bonds eased off to 107⅝, War Loan marked 101⅝, Munster Bank repeated 121s. and Provincials (old) 59s., Guinness Ordinary unaltered, 122s.; Irish Tanners Ordinary buyers 10s.; T. Lyons and Co. (fully paid), sellers 77s. 6d., £4 paid, buyers 57s. 6d., sellers 60s.; Pref. buyers 80s.

STEPHEN'S GREEN CINEMA, LTD.

CAPITAL TO BE REDUCED

The annual general meeting of this company was held at the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin, yesterday. The Chairman (Mr. R. G. H. Russell) presided, and the other members of the board present were: Mr. F. J. McDonnell, managing director; Mr. James W. Lane, and Mr. H. J. O'Donnell, and the Secretary.

The Chairman (Mr. R. G. H. Russell), in the course of his speech, said that he was glad to be able to tell the shareholders that steady progress had been made. Last year and the early months of the year under review had caused the board anxiety, but the improvement in later months had resulted in a profit of £2,024, against a loss of £5,914 at the end of the previous accounting period, an improvement of almost £8,000. Over 133,000 more patrons had paid for admission over the previous figures, while some of the pictures shown had established records for Dublin.

The Chairman believes that the improvement shown was the result of a steady policy of showing to the public the best that could be produced, in the most comfortable surroundings in a house which is perfect for vision and sound.

The Chairman felt that the improvement was also due to the hard work put in by his colleagues, the managing director, secretary and manager, and the whole of the excellent and courteous, male and female, staff.

In proposing the adoption of the accounts, the Chairman said that there were no figures calling for particular comment, and he called upon Mr. F. J. McDonnell, the managing director, to second them, who in doing so said that he now considered that the cinema had established itself as a house of popular entertainment with the Dublin public, and looked forward with every confidence to a successful future for the company. He pointed out, however, that it was a matter of regret that the Government continue to take, roughly, 30 per cent. of the gross takings, in addition to the import duty, and give nothing in return.

He then stated that the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, Ireland, were shortly putting a case before the Minister for Finance earnestly pressing for a relief, and that he would ask every shareholder to use any influence he might have with his member in the Dail to help them to achieve this.

Mr. D. McAllister was then elected a director of the company. A general discussion followed, and the shareholders then considered the special resolutions dealing with the proposal to reduce the capital of the company from £88,000 to £70,000, which were passed unanimously.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Kenny, and seconded by Mr. McDonnell, and passed unanimously.

OIL YIELD

Mexican Eagle Oil Co.—Production for the week [illegible] barrels.

LONDON FIRM

FIRM INDUSTRIAL FEATURES

The Christmas spirit made itself felt to a greater extent on the London Stock markets yesterday, but, while dealers found little to occupy their attention so far as business was concerned, the general undertone continued fairly firm, and, on the whole, prices held up well. A notable feature was the start of dealings in the Coventry 3½ per Cent. Loan, and after opening at par the scrip quickly improved to ⅛ premium before closing at 1/16 over the issue price of 101.

BRITISH FUNDS.

The gilt-edged market again pursued an uninteresting course, with operators inclined to reduce, rather than enlarge, commitments. Actual dealings were negligible, however, and as sentiment was assisted by the success of the Coventry Loan the leading issues again closed without alteration.

FOREIGN BONDS.

Despondency existed in the Foreign Bond group, and doubts about the January 1 interest payment caused renewed dulness in Brazilians, among which the Fundings were especially unpopular. Far Easterns were unable to shake off their heavy tendency, and, although Chinese descriptions kept steady, further recessions were marked in Japanese Bonds. Trading in the European group resulted almost wholly from trifling sales of German and French issues.

RAILS.

The British Rail market remained in a neglected state, but despite the paucity of business the tendency improved, following publication of the traffics, and quotations were able to finish firm. Foreign Rails formed another idle section, and Argentines after displaying a somewhat steadier tendency, on hopes that some improvement may take place shortly in the exchange situation, developed fresh weakness towards the end. Colonial and American Rails moved unfavourably, and among the latter Union Pacific reacted smartly on adverse Wall street advices.

INDUSTRIALS.

Business in Industrials was far from active, but demand for selected issues helped the market, and as few sellers were in evidence movements on balance were mostly in favour of holders. The Cement group gave an encouraging display, and Coal shares made headway under the lead of Sheepbridge, which responded sharply to the excellent dividend. Tobaccos also tended to go better in places, while Shipping and Brewery shares were pointed upwards. Other cheerful counters included Morris Motors, Tate and Lyle, and Hudson's Bays. Trans-Atlantics fluctuated irregularly in idle trading, while Rayon and Engineering shares were affected by profit-taking.

MINES.

Lack of fresh support and occasional modest sales combined to give the Mining groups an easier appearance. Few favourable movements occurred in the Kaffir section, and recent favourites, such as S.A. Lands and Western Reefs, came back. West Africans also were allowed to drift, and after opening cheerfully Rhodesian Coppers dwindled in the late dealings. Oil shares received further support, however, and the leading issues, which derived benefit from the good Apex dividend, exhibited renewed firmness.

THE MONEY MARKET

FURTHER SETBACK IN SILVER

There is a fairly steady downward tendency on the part of the premium over the dollar parity included in the price of gold. Yesterday it fell to 7d., the lowest level since November 3 last. The price of gold was 1d. lower at 139s. 8d. per fine ounce. At this price £587,000 of the metal was disposed of. The dollar was quoted 4.9985 at the fixing.

A little speculative selling on an idle market produced a further set-back in silver, cash falling 1/16d. to 18 11/16d. and forward 1/16d. to 18½d. per ounce.

Money rates were steady, daily loans remaining at 10s. per cent. and three months' bills at 13s. 9d. per cent.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932), 2%

60 days (fine)		¾ %				
3 months	¾	13/16 %	Trade	2	2½	%
4 "	11/16	¾ %	"	2¼	2½	%
6 "	⅝	¾ %	"	2½	3	%
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day				½	⅝	%
" " for a week					½	%
Deposit Allowance Banks at Call					½	%
" " Discount Houses at Call					½	%
" " at Notice					¾	%

Very quiet conditions prevailed in the foreign exchange market. Principal attention was again focussed upon the franc. Quiet selling at the opening of the market induced the French authorities to permit a slight depreciation in the spot rate before re-inserting the "peg." Pressure quickly subsided, however, and no official defensive operations were apparently necessary to maintain the new level during the remainder of the day.

American dollars were a quiet market. Movements in Continental currencies were extremely narrow throughout, the exception being provided by the belga, which was again persistently offered from Brussels and suffered a further setback in relation to both sterling and dollar.

Centre	Dec. 22 Closing Rates		Dec. 21 Closing Rates		Parity before 20/9/31
New York	4.99¾	4.99⅞	4.99 13/16	4.99⅞	4.86⅔
Montreal	5.00½	5.00⅝	5.00½	5.00¾	4.86⅔
Amsterdam	8.98⅞	8.99	8.98⅞	8.99⅛	12.10
Berlin	12.40¾	12.41¼	12.40	12.40½	20.43
Brussels	29.43	29.44	29.41½	29.42½	35.00
Copenhagen	22.38	22.42	22.38	22.42	25.22
Geneva	21.60	21.60½	21.60	21.61	18.15
Madrid	60.100 nom		60.100 nom		25.22
Milan	94 15/16	95 1/16	94 15/16	95 1/16	92.46
Oslo	19.88	19.92	19.88	19.92	18.15
Paris	147 5/32	147 5/16	147⅛	147 5/32	124.21
Stockholm	19.38	19.42	19.38	19.42	18.15
Alexandria	97⅜	97⅝	97⅜	97 5/32	97.5
Athens	540	555	540	555	375
Helsingfors	225¾	226½	225¾	226½	193.2
Lisbon	110	110⅛	110	110⅛	110
Prague	142⅛	142½	142⅛	142½	164.25
Vienna	25½	27½	25½	27½	34.58
Warsaw	26⅛	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	43.38
B. Ayres	17.01	17.05	17.03	17.06	47.577
Lima 90 dys	20.00	21.00nom	18.75	19.75nom	17.38
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	25½	26½	25½	26½	51 1/16
Rio de Jan.*	2 19/32	2 23/32	2⅝	2 21/32	5.89
Valparaiso	125 nom		125 nom		408
Calcutta	18 3/32	18 5/32	18 3/32	18 5/32	18
Hongkong	14⅞	15⅛	14⅞	15⅛	—
Kobe (p.yn.)	13 31/32	14 1/32	13 31/32	14 1/32	24
Shanghai*	14	14⅜	14	14⅜	—
Singapore*	28 1/16	28¼	28 1/16	28¼	2d

* Rate quoted in London.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES

BIRMINGHAM

Motors very quiet, but firm. Morris were lifted to 33/7½, Raleighs to 63/6, Rileys to 14/3, and Lucas to 57/6. Singers eased to 4/3.

Alvis	4/-	Humbers	16/3
Austins	31/3	Leylands	84/9
Do. "A"	27/1½	Napiers	9/4½
Bluemels	33/7	Rolls	90/-
Dennis	20/9	Rovers	19/7½
Enfields	24/6	Standards	15/6
Fords	22/1½	Triumphs	1/4½
Guys	2/3	Dunlops	32/10½

MANCHESTER

Textiles quiet, but steady.

Bleachers	5/-5/3	Cottons	37/6-38/-
Dyers	5/3-5/6	Velvets	5/6-4/-
"Slubbers"	5/6-5/9	Spinners	6/-6/3
Calicos	6/9-7/3	Henrys	13/3-13/6
Coats	41/-41/6	Turner and Newall	
Courtaulds	46/9-47/3		84/6-85/6
Dunlops	32/6-33/-	Wall Paper Def.	37/-37/6

LONDON "STREET" MARKET

Trading in the "Street" market yesterday was confined to Shorter's Court, where only a few dealers gathered. Prices improved, however, following Wall street's cheerful lead, and at the close small gains were seen in the leading Internationals. U.S. Steels went ahead to 61¼, a gain of ⅜ on the "House" close. "Nickels" advanced a similar amount, finishing at 47¼. Anacondas were firm at 6 1/16. The Motor group attracted some interest and Chryslers appreciated 1 point to 56½, while General Motors were bid for at 33¼. "Emmies," however, were dull and closed a few pence lower at 16s. 9d. New York Centrals were mentioned around 19¼.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:
London maintained.
Dublin quiet.
Manchester steady.
Birmingham Motors firm.
New York heavy.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2%
Last year	2%
Irish Bank Rate	3%
London Day-to-Day Loans	½%
London Three Months' Bills	11/16%
Price of Gold	139/8
Silver (spot)	18 11/16d.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET

ANGLO-ARGENTINE TRAMS IN DEMAND

Despite the small amount of business passing in the Industrial Market yesterday, the tone remained satisfactory, and several firm features developed.

Although there was little doing on this side in Transatlantic counters, the tone remained cheerful. Nickels made the best showing with an advance of 1¼ to 47¼. On the other hand, Brazilian Tractions were rather dull at 12⅞ ex dividend. Cable and Wireless Pref. came in for renewed support, and closed ¾ to the good at 103¼.

"Emmies" held around 17s. for most of the day, but were offered at this level in the late dealings. Baird Television shares were dull on the loss shown in the report, the Deferred receding to 1s. 10½d. Among Cinema issues Union Cinema's First Pref. were marked down 1/16 to ⅞.

SHEEPBRIDGE RISE ON DIVIDEND.

A small business in Iron and Steel shares had little influence on prices. There was, however, one good exception, this being provided by Sheepbridge, which, following a steady advance for some days past, came into keen demand on the announcement of an interim dividend of 1s., tax free, against 6d., also tax free, a year ago. The price of the shares advanced 4s. to 49s.

Electrical Equipments generally preserved a satisfactory tendency.

In the Tramways section a demand sprang up for Anglo-Argentine issues on hopes that the Argentine Government will shortly put into operation their scheme for the co-ordination of transport in Buenos Ayres. The First Preference rose 3s. to 8s. 6d., and the Second Preference 2s. to 4s. 6d., while the 4 per cent. Debenture stock was dealt in up to 50, the 4½ per cent. Debentures up to 35, and the 5 per cent. Debentures up to 27.

MORRIS MOTORS BRIGHT.

The Aircraft section revealed little change, but prices on the whole made a steady showing.

With few exceptions Motors were neglected and prices as a whole presented an easier appearance. Morris, however, were a bright feature, advancing 1s. 3d. to 34s. Fords were supported at 22s. 4½d., but Standards eased to 15s. 3d., as did Austins to 30s. 7½d.

Among Provision and Catering issues Liebigs were marked up ¼ to 15¼ in anticipation of the report, while Tate and Lyle hardened further to 82s. 6d. Home and Colonial were a trifle better at 3s. 6d. and Scribbans Ord. rallied to 7s. 10½d., but the Def. were offered at 5s. 7½d.

Although there was not a great deal doing among Stores the tone was satisfactory. Woolworths remained on the dull side and closed 6d. easier at 71s. Little interest was taken in Textiles.

COURTAULDS EASIER.

There was less doing in the rayon section, and prices moved in irregular fashion. British Celanese issues again received support, noticeably the Second Preference, but Courtaulds lost the turn at 47s. 3d.

Apart from Gallahers, which finished 1/16 to the good at 6¼ there was little disposition to give fresh support to Tobaccos. "Imps," "Bats" and Copes held around previous levels, but Carreras had a dull appearance.

Breweries moved within narrow limits, and on the whole maintained a steady appearance. Guinness were subject to a few scattered realisations.

There was little fresh business passing in the Shipping group, but prices generally were fairly well maintained.

A generally firm tone prevailed in the Miscellaneous section, but movements were limited by the small volume of business. Turner and Newalls, British Oxygens, Murex and Imperial Chemicals finished without notable change.

IRREGULAR CLOSE IN OILS

With the approach of the Christmas holiday there is, naturally, a tendency for business in Oils, as in other markets, to slacken. Yesterday the volume of transactions was again very small, and, although there was no pronounced pressure, small realisations were in progress which made for an irregular tendency. There was little doing on continental account, but operators in both Amsterdam and Paris were reported to be small sellers of international counters. Market expectations of a dividend by Apex Oilfields for the past year of 45 per cent. have been fulfilled, but the shares finished rather easier. Although firm at the start, strengthening to 41⅞, Royal Dutch came on offer from the Continent later, and fell to 41, at which a loss of ⅜ was recorded. A small business in the Eagle issues had little influence on prices.

RUBBERS HARDER

Rather surprisingly, the turnover in Rubber shares showed a small expansion yesterday, and several of the better-class issues were able to register modest advances. The market was still extremely quiet, but because of the better tendency of raw rubber prices selling became practically non-existent, and a moderate volume of professional demand was released. At no time was there any real activity, and demand embraced only a few shares, but favoured shares soon reflected inquiries. Anglo-Dutch, Djasinga, Malayalam and Rubber Trust were among the issues which firmed up. The commodity section continued steady amid quiet trading, and spot rubber sold up to 7⅞d. per lb.

RUBBER CROPS FOR NOVEMBER

Cheras, 56,000 (44,000); Foothills, 38,800 (27,994); Malakoff, 196,700 (143,190); Nordanal, 72,500 (61,000); Sungei Batu, 72,200 (48,568); Sungei Purun, 51,000 (36,800); Taiping 122,400 (81,510); United Patani, 291,641 (239,245); Windsor, 32,386 (24,060).

BRITISH RAIL TRAFFICS

Southern—Last week, £407,000, increase £7,000; 50 weeks to date, £20,787,000, increase, £687,000.

London and North-Eastern—Last week, £980,000, increase £25,000; 50 weeks to date, £46,731,000, increase £2,166,000.

London, Midland and Scottish—Last week, £1,363,000, increase £58,000; 50 weeks to date, £63,793,000, increase £2,603,000.

Great Western—Last week, £563,000, increase £21,000; 50 weeks to date £26,630,000, increase £1,271,000.

INSURANCE SHARES

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Atlas, £15 0/3; Commercial Union, 9 31/32, 10, 1 1/16; General Accident, 5 5/16; North British and Mercantile, 11 11/16, 2 7/32; Prudential, 34⅛; do "B" £1 (4/- paid), £5 2/-; Royal Exchange, 9 15/16, 7/8; Royal Insurance, 8⅞, 11/16.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—London and Lancashire, 30⅛; North British, 11⅝; North British (fully paid), 11 15/16.

NORTHERN POTATO PRICES

The prices per ton paid by shipping merchants during the week ended 18th December, 1937, were as follows:—

Ware—Up-to-Date (red soil)—Bagged, £2 5s. to £2 10s.; loose, £2.

Arran Banner—Bagged, £2.

Arran Consul—Bagged, £2 5s.; loose, £2.

Arran Victory—Bagged, £2 to £2 5s.; loose, £1 15s. to £2.

Kerr's Pink—Bagged, £2 to £2 10s.; loose, £1 15s. to £2 5s.

Seed.—Prices for seed potatoes of the following varieties were:—

Up-to-Date—Bagged, £4 10s.; loose, £4.

Majestic—Bagged, £4 10s.

Arran Banner—Bagged, £4 10s.; loose, £3 10s.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum. div. § Ex bonus.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall
Consols 2½%	74¼	74½	....
Do 4%	110 11/16	110 15/16	....
3½% War Loan	101⅝	101¾	....
Funding Loan	112¼	112½	....
Victory Bonds	111	111¼	....
3% Conversion Loan	101⅝	101⅞	....
3½% Conversion Loan	102⅛	102⅜	....
4% Conversion Loan	105 11/16	105 15/16	....
5% Conversion Loan	114 5/16	114 9/16	....
2½% Land Stock, 1903	76½	78½*	....
Irish Free State 4½% Ld. Bd.	107	109*	....
India 3%	79	80	....
Do. 3½%	92¾	93¾	....
Local Loans	86 15/16	87 3/16	....
Sudan 3½%	110	113*	....

PUBLIC BOARDS.

Cent. El. Bd. 4½% 1959-89	103	106	....
Do. 5% 1950-70	112	114	....
Do. 4½% 1961-73	108	110*	....
Do. 5% 1955-75	115	117	....
Do. 4½% 1957-62	110	112	....
Metro Water 3 p.c. (a)	86	89	....

BANKS.

Bank of Australasia	8⅜	8⅝	....
Bank of England	340	344	....
Bank of Montreal	40	41	....
Bank of New South Wales	25¾	26¾	....
Bank of New Zealand	33/0	35/0	....
Barclay's "A" Shares	10 9/16	10¾	....
British Overseas	2⅝	2⅞	....
Canadian of Commerce	32¾	33¾	....
Chartered of India	12	12⅜	+ ⅛
Hong Kong and Shanghai	84½	87½	....
Lloyds	60/6	61/3	....
London and S. American	5⅜	5⅝	....
Martins £20 (£2/10 paid)	8 15/16	9⅛	....
Midland	10	10 3/16	....
National Discount "B"	13 3/16	13 11/16	....
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	14 11/16	14⅞	....
Royal Bank of Canada	35½	37½	....
Standard of South Africa	14½	14⅞	....
Union of Australia	7	7¼	....
Westminster Bank	65/6	67/0	....

DOMINION AND COLONIAL STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c., 1945-75	107	107½	....
Do. do. 4 p.c. 1955-70	104	106	....
Do. do. 3½ p.c. 1948-53	100	102*	....
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	103	105	....
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	106⅞	107⅜	....
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	99	101	....
New Zealand 3 p.c., 1952-55	89¾	90¼	....
Do 3½ p.c., 1955-60	97	99	....
Nigeria 6 p.c.	123	125	....
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-60	106	106½	....
South African 3 p.c., 1954-64	94¾	95¼	....
Do. 3½ p.c., 1955-65	101½	103½*	....
South Australian 5 p.c. 1945-75	106⅞	107⅜	....
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	100	102	....
Victoria 4 p.c. 1940-60	100	102	....
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	106⅞	107⅜	....
W. Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	108⅝	109⅛	....
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	99	101	....

FOREIGN STOCKS.

M.U.—Dec. 13				
—	Argentine 4 p.c. Rescn.	101¾	102¼	....
—	Austrian 3 p.c. Guar. Sterling Bonds	100	102*	....
101	Belgian 3 p.c.	100½	101½	....
98	Do. 4 p.c. Bonds	95	98	....
23½	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27	20	21	....
58½	Do. 5 p.c. Funding, '98	55	57	−1
42	Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914	39	41	−1
86½	Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898	87	89	....
59½	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	61	63	....
68	Do. 5 p.c. Reorg., 1913	67	69	....
70	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gld.	65	75	....
40	Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	40	45	....
29	Do. Tientsin-Pukow 5%	22	32	....
103¾	Czecho Slovakia Bonds	104¼	105¼	+ ¾
101¼	Egyptian Unified	102	103	....
12½	French Loan 4 p.c.	12½	13¼	....
57¾	German 7 p.c.	54½	55½	− ¼
39¾	Do. 5½ p.c.	38	39	....
—	Do. Potash 7 p.c.	82½	83½	....
41	Greek 7 p.c., 1924	41¼	42¼	....
33	Do. 6 p.c. Stabs.	32	35	....
29½	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	29	32	....
14	Italian Rentes	11	16	....
66	Japan 6 p.c., 1924	63½	64½	− ½
64	Do. 5½ p.c. Conversion	61½	62½	− ½
3¾	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	3¾	4¼	....
4¼	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	4	4½	....
44	Peru 7½ p.c. Guano	40	50	....
1¼	Peruvian Corporation	1	1½	....
5¼	Do. Pref.	4¾	5¼	....
54	Do. Debs.	52	54	....
71	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	70	73	....
81	Portuguese 3 p.c.	80½	81½	....
1 9/16	Turkish 7½ p.c., 1933	1½	2	....

BRITISH RAILS.

62¼	Great Western	63	64	....
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	116½	118½	....
29	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	29⅝	30⅛	....
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	81½	83½	....
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	103	105*	....
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	69½	71½	....
8	Ldn., North-East. 5 p.c. Pref.-Ord.	8	8⅜	....
4¼	Do. Def.-Ord.	4¼	4½	....
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	67	69	....
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	25½	27½	....
—	Lond. Trans. 5 p.c. "A"	126	129*	....
—	Do. 4½ p.c. "A"	116	118*	....
—	Do. "B"	119	122*	....
—	Do. "C"	79½	80½	....
86¾	Southern Pref.-Ord.	86¼	87¼	....
19	Do. Def.-Ord.	19	19½	....
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	114	116	....

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

13½	Antofagasta Ord.	12½	14½	....
—	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk.	75	77	....
18½	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	17	19	− ½
7½	Buenos Ayres & Pacific Ord.	6	8	....
14½	Buenos Ayres and W.	12½	14½	− ½
—	Canadian National Guar.	86	89*	....
8	Canadian Pacific	7⅞	8⅜	− ⅛
16½	Central Argentine Ord.	12½	14½	− ½
6½	Do. Def.	6	8	....
—	Central Uruguay Ord.	2	4	....
2½	Cordoba Central New	1¾	2¾	....
47½	Do. 1st Deb.	43	46	....
11	Do. 2nd Deb.	10	12	....
7½	Entre Rios Ord.	6	9	....
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	9	11	....
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	98	101*	....
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	99	101*	....
3½	Leopoldina	3	4	....
7/6	Mexican Rails	¼	¾	....
25/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	1	2	....
7/6	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	¼	¾	....
59	San Paulo Ord.	66	70	....
—	United Havana Stock	1	3	....

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	40	43	....
19¼	New York Central	19	22	....
—	Pennsylvania	22	25	+1
14	Southern Common	13	16	....
—	Southern Pacific	21	24	....
85	Union Pacific	80	85	−4

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

M.U.—Dec. 13				
129/0	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	128/6	130/6	....
20/0	Brewers of Vancouver	18/6	19/6	....
11/6	City of London Def. (5/-)	12/0	13/0	+0/3
82/0	Courage Ord.	81/6	83/6	....
102/3	Distillers Ord.	106/0	107/0	−0/3
121/6	Guinness Ord.	120/3	122/3	....
108/6	Ind Coope and Allsopp	109/6	111/6	+0/6
—	Mitchell and Butlers	91/0	93/0	....
100/0	South African Breweries	100/0	102/0	....
—	Walker (John) Pref.	32/0	33/0	....
25/6	Walker (P.) & R. Cain Or.	25/0	26/0	....
77/9	Watney Combe Def.	77/0	79/0	....

DRAPERY AND STORES.

71/3	Barker (John)	72/0	73/0	+1/3
—	Burton (M.) Ord.	13/6	14/6	....
3/6	Cook, Son and Co.	3/3	4/3	+0/3
—	Gamage (A. W.)	21/0	21/9	....
76/0	Harrod's Stores	75/3	76/0	....
8/0	Harrod's (B.A.)	7/3	8/3	....
25/3	Maple and Co.	24/6	25/6	....
2 15/16	Marks & Spencer (5/-)	2 15/16	3	....
1⅜	O.K. Bazaars "A"	30/0	32/6	....
—	Selfridges Pref.	30/3	31/3	+0/3
68/3	Woolworth Ord.	70/6	71/6	−0/6
30/0	Do. Pref.	29/6	30/6	....

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	67/3	68/3	....
—	City of London	33/6	34/6	....
—	County of London	48/3	49/3	....
—	Edmundson's	37/6	38/6	....
—	Electric Supply Corp.	52/0	53/0	....
—	Lancashire	32/6	33/6	....
—	London Electric	35/3	36/3	....
—	Metropolitan	45/3	46/3	....
—	North-Eastern	31/6	32/6	....
—	St. James's	97	101*	....
—	South London	31/6	33/6	....
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref.	20/6	22/6	....
—	Yorkshire Ord.	39/0	40/0	....

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

44/3	Associated Electric Ind.	44/6	45/6	+0/4½
93/9	British Insul. Cables	92/0	93/0	+0/6
87/6	Callenders Cable	89/0	90/0	+0/6
—	Crompton Parkinson	44/3	45/3*	....
—	Enfield Cable Ord.	5⅛	5¼	....
29/3	English Electric	29/0	30/6	+0/6
26/3	Ever Ready (5/-)	25/9	26/9	....
76/9	General Electric	77/0	77/9	+0/1½
19/3	Henley's Tel. (5/- sh.)	18/6	19/6	....
40/9	Johnson and Phillips	39/9	41/9	....
—	Phillips Lamps	2 7/16	2½	....
29/0	Siemens	28/0	29/0	−0/6
—	Telegraph Constr.	3 1/16	3 7/16	....

INSURANCE.

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	27⅝	28¼	....
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	14¾	15¼	....
—	Com. Union £1 Units	9⅞	10⅜	....
—	Eagle Star Ord. £3	3¾	4*	....
—	Employers' £1 (5/- paid)	67/0	69/0	....
—	Gen. Accdt. £1 (5/- pd.)	5 3/16	5 7/16	....
—	Guardian £3 (10/- pd.)	13⅝	14⅛	....
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£2 p.)	29¾	30¼	....
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1½ pd.)	15¼	15¾	....
—	N.B. & Mer. £5 (£1¼ p.)	11⅛	11⅝	....
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	19¾	20¼	....
—	Pearl £1	19½	20	....
—	Phoenix £10 (£1 paid)	15⅝	16⅛	....
—	Do. £1 (f.p.)	15½	16	....
—	Prudential	33⅞	34⅛	....
—	Do. "B" £1 (4/- pd.)	101/0	103/0	+0/9
—	Royal Exchange	9 13/16	10 1/16	....
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- pd.)	8 13/16	9 3/16	....
—	Sun Ins. £1 (5/- paid)	4	4¼	....
—	Sun Life £1 (f.p.)	7¾	8¼	....
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- pd.)	8⅜	8¾	....

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.

—	Allied Iron	22/3	23/3*	....
2/0	Amal. Anthracite	1/9	2/3	....
24/9	Amal. Metal Ord.	24/3	25/3	....
42/0	Babcock Wilcox Ord.	42/0	43/0	....
8/4½	Baldwins	8/9	9/6	....
—	Bolsover Colliery	43/0	44/0	....
29/6	Brown (John) (6/-)	30/0	31/3*	....
9/9	Cammell Laird (5/-)	10/9	11/6	−0/1½
—	Colville Ord. (£1)	24/6	25/3	....
—	Consett Iron	10/9	11/9	....
33/3	Cory (William)	36/0	37/0	+0/3
32/9	Dorman Long and Co.	34/0	34/9	....
1/9	Duffield Iron (1/-)	0/9	1/3	....
—	Firth (T.) and Brown	3 7/16	3 9/16	+1/16
29/9	Guest Keen	29/6	30/6	....
30/0	Hadfields (10/-)	31/9	32/9	....
—	Hill Richard	½	¾*	....
—	Manchester Collieries	17/0	19/0	....
11/9	Pease and Partners	11/0	12/0	....
21/0	Powell Duffryn	21/0	22/0	....
16/3	Pressed Steel	17/0	17/9	+0/1½
42/9	South Durham Steel	41/6	42/6*	....
39/4½	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	36/9	37/6	....
8/10½	Thomas (R.)	10/0	10/9*	....
27/3	United Steel Cos.	26/9	27/9	....
23/0	Vickers Ord.	25/0	26/3	....

OILS.

M.U.—Dec. 13				
38/1½	Anglo-Ecuadorian	34/6	35/6*	....
1 11/16	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1¾	1⅞	....
3 25/32	Anglo-Iranian Ord.	3 25/32	3 31/32	−1/32
36/4½	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	36/0	37/0	+0/1½
39/4½	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	39/0	40/0	....
33/4½	Apex Trinidad (5/- sh.)	34/0	34/6	−0/1½
1 11/16	Attock	1 11/16	1¾	−1/32
13/7½	British Borneo Pet. (6/-)	13/3	14/3*	....
6/0	British Burmah (2/-)	6/6	7/0	....
2/9	British Controlled	3/0	3/6	+0/1½
6/3	Do. Pref.	6/1½	6/7½	+0/1½
5 13/32	Burmah	5 15/16	6	....
39/3	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	38/9	39/9	....
12/3	Canadian Eagle Ord.	11/10½	12/4½	+0/1½
13/7½	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pf. ($5)	13/0	14/0	....
12/3	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	13/3	14/3	....
5/9	Kern River (10/-)	6/0	6/6	....
1 29/32	Lobitos	1 15/16	2	....
13/3	Mexican Eagle Ord.	11/9	12/3	−0/1½*
13/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	11/3	12/3	....
8/6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. (4 pesos)	8/0	9/0*	....
0/3	North Caucasian (10/-)	0/3	0/9	....
4/6	Phoenix Oil	5/4½	5/10½	+0/1½
2/4½	Do. (1/- shares)	1/10½	2/4½	....
37¾	Royal Dutch	41⅜	41⅞	....
4 11/16	Shell Transport	4 15/16	5	−1/32
28/0	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	28/6	29/6	....
33/9	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	33/6	34/0	....
7/0	Steaua Romano	6/3	7/3	−0/3
6/10½	Tankers Pref.	6/9	7/3	....
10/6	Trinidad Central	10/3	11/3	....
4 11/32	Trinidad Leasehold	4 15/16	5 1/16	−1/32
1 29/32	V.O.C. Holdings	1 31/32	2 1/32	−1/32
1⅞	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1 29/32	2 1/32	−1/32

RUBBERS.

29/6	Anglo Dutch	29/6	+0/3
11/10½	Anglo Malay	11/10½	....
2/9	Bukit Mertajam	2/9	....
1/1½	Bukit Sembawang	1/0	....
15/0	Grand Central	14/9	+0/3
28/9	Highlands	29/1½	....
12/0	Jugra Land	12/0	....
32/6	Kuala Lumpur	32/6*	....
19/4½	Linggi	19/0	....
4/0	London Asiatic	3/10½	....
26/3	Malacca	25/7½	....
31/10½	Malayalam	31/9	+0/3
3/4½	Merlimau Pegoh	3/4½	+0/1½
17/6	Orient Trust	16/7½	....
29/3	Rubber Trust	28/7½	+0/1½
21/3	Tandjong	20/7½	....
21/3	Tandjong Malim	20/7½	....
53/9	United Sua Betong	54/0	....
8/6	Vallambrosa	8/3	....

Allagar	1/3	....	Kamuning	3/3	+0/1½
Allied Sum.	18/0	....	Kepong (2/-)	3/4½	....
Anglo Java (1/)	0/10½	....	Kepitigalla	1/4½	....
Batu Tiga	30/0	....	Kinta Kellas	2/3*	....
Bernam Per'k	2/4½	....	Kombok	1/1½	....
Bikam (2/-)	2/4½	....	Kuala Sel.	2/10½	....
Brit. I.G. Trst.	7/7½	....	Ledbury	20/7½	....
Brit. E. Java	1/1½	....	Manch'r N. B.	12/6*	....
BroomeSel (2/-)	3/0	+0/1½	N. Hummock	10/0	....
Buntar	1/7½	....	P.P.K. (C'y'n)	11/3	....
Castlefield	2/10½	....	Pataling	35/7½	+0/7½
Central Perak	2/4½	....	Perak (2/-)	2/3	....
Chersonese	2/4½	....	Rambutan	1/10½	....
Cheviot	3/9	+0/1½	Rim Malacca	2/0	....
Cicely	3/3	....	Sedenak	24/0	....
Djasinga	16/10½	+0/7½	Soember Ajoe	1/4½	....
East Sumatra	2/4½	....	Sungei Choh £1	12/6	....
F. M. S. Plant	23/9	....	Sungei Siput	3/6	....
Gen. Ceylon	18/1½	....	Taiping	1/3	....
Glenbervie	1/1½	....	Telegoredjo	19/10½	....
Golden Hope	21/6	....	U. Serd'ng (2/-)	3/6	....
Gordon	1/4½	−0/1½	U. Sum'tra (1/-)	0/9	....
Java Amal.	17/3	....	Yam Seng	2/6	....

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	9¼	....	Jokai	1⅞*	....
Anglo-Ceylon	1⅜	....	Jorehaut	1⅞*	....
Assam Con.	15/16	....	Kanan Devan	22	+ ½
Borelli	2 5/16*	....	Lebong	1 11/16	....
Brit. Indian	2⅛*	....	Makum	15/16	....
Ceylon Plant	2 5/16	....	Nedeem	1 7/16	....
Chargola	7/16	+1/32	New Dimbula	2¾	....
Co. Tea & L.	19½	+ ½	Nuwara Eliya	3⅛	....
Darjeeling Co.	1 3/16	....	Peacock & Nil.	1/6	....
Dimbula Valley	1 5/16	....	Pabbojan	2⅞*	....
Dooars	2⅛*	....	Pundaloya	2	....
Doom Dooma	2 5/16	....	Scottish Assam	1	....
E. Assam	2⅛	....	Singlo	1 15/16*	+1/16
East. Produce	2 3/16	....	Sumatra	18/6*	....
Empire	1⅛*	....	Travancore	1⅞	+1/16
Imperial	1 5/16	....	Upper Assam	1 9/16	....

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

11/3	Argentine Land Invest.	10/9	11/9	....
25/0	Do. Southern Land	23/6	24/6	....
—	Covent Garden Ord.	22/6	23/6	....
23/6	Forestal Land	23/0	24/0	....
24/6	Hudson's Bay Ord.	25/6	26/6	+0/3
3/6	Pekin Syndicate	2/6	4/6	....
32/6	Sudan Plantations	33/3	34/3	....

MOTORS AND AEROPLANES.

—	Aero Engines	0/3	1/3	....
31/3	Austin Motor (5/-)	30/3	31/0	−0/7½
3/9	Boulton and Paul	3/6	4/6	....
47/6	Bristol Aero (10/-)	48/0	49/0*	....
1/1½	British Aircraft	0/3	1/3	....
1 5/16	De Havilland	36/0	38/0	....
19/3	Fairey Aviation	18/0	19/0*	−0/3
21/6	Ford Motors	22/0	22/9	+0/1½
50/0	Handley Page Pref.	26/0	27/0	....
—	Hawker (5/-)	25/9	26/9	....
25/3	Hawker-Siddeley (5/-)	26/0	26/6	....
—	Imperial Airways	24/6	25/6	+0/3
4	Leyland Motors	4 5/16	4 5/16	....
31/3	Morris Motors	33/6	34/6	+1/3
—	Do. 7½ p.c. Pref.	30/6	31/0	....
9/3	Napier Ord. (5/-)	9/0	9/6	....
4 9/16	Rolls Royce	4 7/16	4 9/16	....
4/9	Singer Ord.	3/9	4/9	....
15/0	Standard	14/9	15/9	−0/1½
3	Tilling (Thomas)	59/6	61/6	−0/9

NEWSPAPERS.

24/6	Allied Newspapers Ord.	23/6	24/6	....
—	Amal. Press (New)	16/0	17/0	....
18/6	Assd. Newspaper Def.	17/9	18/9	....
—	Daily Mail Trust	33/6	34/6	....
18/4½	Daily Mirror Ord.	17/6	18/6*	....
—	Financial Newspapers	3/9	4/3	....
7/9	Odhams Press (4/-)	7/4½	7/10½	....
1 21/32	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	32/9	33/6*	....

NITRATES.

2/9	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Pref (£5)	2/9	3/9	....
—	Nitrate Sales 5 p.c. Deb.	70	75	....

REFRESHMENT AND FOODS.

20/6	Aerated Bread	19/6	20/6*	....
22/0	Bovril Def.	21/9	22/9	....
0/9	Crosse and Blackwell	0/6	1/0	....
3/4½	Home & Colonial (4/-)	3/0	4/0	+0/1½
11/9	Inter. Tea Ord. (5/-)	10/6	11/6*	....
18/6	Lovell & Christmas Ord.	17/0	18/0	....
5 9/16	Lyons (J.)	5⅛	5 11/16	....
2/3	Maypole Def.	2/1½	2/4½	....
—	Scribbans	7/6	8/3	+0/1½
—	Do. Def.	3/6	4/3	−0/1½
38/6	Schweppes Ord.	37/6	38/6	−0/3
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	12/6	13/6	....
37/9	Unilever (N.V.)	38/6	39/6	....

SHIPPING.

—	Cairn Line	5/6	6/6	....
—	Clan Line	5⅞	6⅜	....
—	Cunard Ord.	4/0	5/0	....
—	Elder-Dempster Realisn.	9/9	10/9	....
—	Furness Withy	22/6	23/6	+0/6
—	Houlder Pref. (£5)	5⅛	5⅜*	....
—	P. and O. Def. (£1)	21/9	22/9	....
—	Royal Mail Realisation	8/6	9/6	....

TEXTILES AND ART. SILK.

5/0	Bleachers	5/0	5/6	....
5/6	Bradford Dyers	5/1½	5/7½	....
8/9	Do Pref.	7/9	8/9	....
4/1½	British Celanese Ord.	4/10½	5/4½	+0/1½
7/4½	Do. 2nd Pref.	8/9	9/3	+0/7½
3/0	British Enka Silk	⅛	3/16	....
7/4½	Calico Printers	6/9	7/6	....
3 5/16	Canadian Celanese	3¼	3⅜*	−1/16
41/6	Coats	40/9	41/6	....
45/6	Courtaulds	47/0	47/6	−0/1½
37/9	English Sewing Cotton	37/0	38/0	....
6/3	Fine Spinners	5/9	6/3	....
4/9	Jute Industries Pref.	4/7½	5/1½	....
—	Linen Thread Ord.	33/0	34/3	....
7/6	Lister Ord.	7/0	8/0	....
49/0	Patons and Baldwins	48/9	50/0	....
2⅞	Snia Viscosa	2¾	3¼	....
—	Whitworth Mitchell	14/9	15/9	....

TOBACCOS.

5 3/16	British-American Tobacco	5 7/16	5½	−1/16
7 15/16	Carreras "A"	7⅝	7⅞*	−1/16
19/6	Do. "B" (2/6)	18/9	19/9*	−0/3
—	Cope Bros.	2¾	2⅞	....
—	Gallaher	6 5/16	6 9/16	+1/16
39/4½	Godfrey Phillips	38/6	39/6	....
7¼	Imperial Tobacco	7⅜	7 7/16	....
52/3	Do Canada	52/6	53/6*	+0/6
—	Tobacco Trust Ord.	3 9/32	3 15/32	....
9	Do. Def.	1¾	1⅞	....
8¾	United Tobacco (Sth.)	8 5/16	8 7/16*	....

TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES.

27½	Anglo-American Def.	27	30	....
1/1½	Baird Tel. Pref.	0/7½	0/10½	−0/3
2/3	Baird Tel. Def.	1/7½	2/1½	−0/3
102½	Cable & Wireless 5½ p.c. Pref.	103	106	+ ¾
67½	Do. New Ord.	66	67	− ⅛
101½	Do. 4 p.c. Funded	100	102*	....
1 7/16	Marconi Marine	28/3	29/3	+0/3
5/0	Do. Canada	4/6	5/6	−0/1½
—	Oriental Telephone	2¾	3	....
6¾	Radio Corporation	6⅜	6⅝	− ⅛

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

4 5/16	Associated Cement	4 15/32	4 19/32	+1/32
14/3	Assd. British Pictures	14/9	15/9	−0/3
—	Beecham's Pills	34/6	35/6	....
58/9	Do. Def. (5/-)	58/9	59/9*	....
45/3	Boot's Pure Drug	44/6	45/6*	....
27/6	Borax Cons. Def.	27/0	28/0	+0/3
12½	Brazilian Traction	12¾	13*	....
46/0	British Aluminium	45/6	46/6	....
35/6	British Match	34/6	35/3	....
46/3	British Oil and Cake	46/0	47/0	....
83/1½	British Oxygen Ord.	4 5/16	4 7/16	....
28/0	British Plaster Board	27/0	28/0	....
4½	British Portland Cement	4⅛	4⅜	....
—	British Light and Power	25/6	26/6	....
19/0	Cerebos Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	....
16/3	Crittall's Manufacturing	15/0	16/0	−0/3
32/3	Dunlop Rubber	32/0	32/6	+0/1½
36/3	Eastwoods Ord	36/6	38/6	....
16/1½	Electrical and Musical	16/3	17/3	−0/3
24/3	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	1 3/32	1 5/32	....
—	Finlay (James)	53/0	54/0*	....
8/7½	Gaumont British	6/9	7/9	....
1/10½	Do. "A" Ord.	1/3	1/9	....
12/9	Do. 5½ p.c. Pref.	13/3	14/3	....
—	Harland Wolff Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	....
35/1½	Imp. Chem. Indus. Ord.	35/0	35/9	....
33/0	Do Pref.	32/0	33/0	....
—	Imp. Smelting Ord.	13/0	14/0	....
—	Internl. Combustion	3 5/16	3 9/16	+1/16
43	International Nickels	47	47½	+1½
—	Do. Paint	3 13/32	3 15/32	....
34/9	Lever Bros. Ord.	36/6	37/3	....
31/3	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	31/0	31/6	....
33/3	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	33/0	33/9	....
—	Lever N.V. Ord.	36/6	38/0	....
57/0	London Brick and F.	56/6	58/6	....
4½	Murex	4 3/16	4 11/16	....
27/6	National Canning	[illegible]	[illegible]	....
—	Newman & Watson (2/-)	1/3	1/9	....
—	North American Co.	21	23*	....
—	Pye Radio Def.	11/0	12/0	....
—	Reckitt Ord.	5	5¼	....
—	Ste. Madeleine Sugar	16/0	17/0	....
58/3	Spillers Ord.	58/3	59/3	+0/3
48/3	Do. Def.	47/6	49/0	+1/6
20/9	Swedish Match "B"	21/0	22/0	....
80/3	Tate and Lyle	82/0	83/0	+0/3
1 3/16	Triplex Glass	51/3	52/3	....
—	Tube Investments	82/0	83/9	−0/9
4¼	Turner and Newall	4⅜	4⅝	....
5/9	United Molasses	25/0	26/0*	....
7/0	Wall Paper Def.	38/0	39/0	−0/3
3	White Tomkins Ord.	2⅛	2⅜	....
38/3	Wiggins Teape Ord.	37/3	38/3	....

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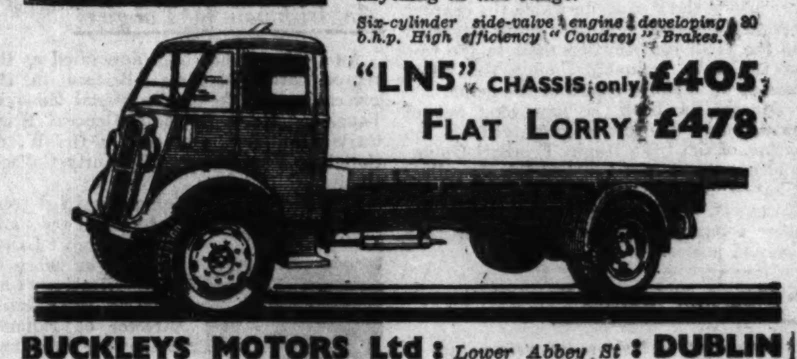

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LONDON MINING MARKET

RAND DIVIDEND-PAYERS HARDER

Business in the Mining market yesterday on the whole remained on a relatively small scale. The general tendency, however, still could be said to be quite satisfactory, what fractional losses there were being largely due to lack of support.

Kaffirs, generally speaking, kept quietly firm. It was left, however, to the dividend-payers to provide the day's best movements, this being largely traceable to a considerable demand on Paris account. The developing Mines were less in evidence than on preceding days, the West Wit group losing ground owing to the cessation of Cape support coupled with local sales. Western Reefs were off colour on rumours of a new issue, but the story, at present at any rate, appears to have little foundation.

There was a notable revival of interest in Rhodesian Coppers, Rhoanglos being especially singled out for attention. Narrow movements characterised Lead-Zinc shares, and Tin shares, though keeping up well, again failed to attract much attention. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U.—Dec. 13		
1⅞	Afric & Eur	1 27/32-1 29/32
2 27/32	Ang.A. Corp	2 31/32-3 3/32−1/32
1 5/16	Anglo-French	1¼-1⅜
2⅝	Brakpan	2 25/32-2 27/32
21⅞	Cent. Mining	23½-24+½
1 7/16	City Deep	1 7/16-1½
3⅝	Con. Goldfi'ds	3¾-3 13/16
3 7/16	Cons. M. Reef	3 15/32-3 19/32+1/32
1⅜	Con. M. Sel.	1 11/16 1 13/16
14¾	Crown Mines	15 7/16-15 9/16+⅛
2	Daggafont'n 5/-	1 31/32-2 1/32
2 27/32	Durban Deep	2 13/16-2⅞
1 3/16	E. Daggafont'n	1 5/32 1 9/32
9¾	East Geduld.	9 15/16-10 1/16
2 25/32	E. Rand Prop.	2⅛-2 15/16+1/16
8/7½	E. Rand Cns.	8/10½-9/4½−0/1½
9⅛	Geduld	9½-9⅝+1/16
1⅛	Gelden Deep	1 3/16-1¼
4 11/16	Gen. Mining	4 23/32-4 27/32+1/32
1⅜	Gov. Areas	1 7/16-1½
4 5/16	Grootvlei	4 5/16-4 7/16+1/32
3⅛	Johan Invsts	3 5/32-3 7/32−1/32
2 21/32	Kleinfontein	2 23/32 2 27/32+1/16
1 15/16	Knight's	1 15/16-2 1/16
1 3/16	Lace Prop.	1 3/16-1¼+1/16
16/3	Langlaagte E.	15/9-16/9
17/3	Libanon 10/-	19/1½-19/7½
21/3	Luipards Vlei	19/9-20/3*−0/3
1 17/32	Modderfont'n	1 9/32-1 11/32+1/32
14/3	Modder B.	14/3-14/9
3¾	Modder East	3 11/16-3 13/16
4/9	New Cent. Wit.	4/9-5/3
2⅞	New S. Areas	2 15/16-3 1/16
2⅞	Nigel	2 27/32-2 29/32
2	Nourse	1 31/32-2 1/32
13/0	Palmietkuil	13/3-13/9−0/1½
7 11/16	Rand Mines	8 1/16-8 3/16+¼
1 11/16	Rand Select	1 25/32-1 29/32
2 11/32	Randfontein	2 13/32-2 15/32
2 15/16	Robin Deep B.	3 1/32-3 3/32
1 13/16	Rose Deep	1 27/32-1 29/32
14/4½	Simmer & J.	14/3-14/9
4	S. A. Lands	4-4⅛−1/16
11/0	S. A. Towns	10/9-11/9
1 7/16	Sth.-W. Afr.	1⅜-1½
8/6	Spaarwater	8/7½ 9/1½−0/3
1⅝	Springs	1 9/16-1⅝
9½	Sub Nigel	10 3/16-10 5/16+3/16
6⅝	Trans. Del. B.	6½-6¾*
1 13/16	Trans. Col. L.	1 13/16-1 15/16
⅝	Trans. Gold	19/32-21/32
7 9/16	Union Corp.	7 11/16-7 15/16+1/16
1¼	VanD.Con.(10/0)	1¼-1 5/16
23/32	Van Ryn	23/32-27/32
1½	Do. Deep	1½-1 9/16
1 13/16	Venterspost	1 25/32-1 27/32−3/32
1⅞	Vereeniging	1¾-1⅞
1 13/32	Vlakfontein 10/	1 13/32-1 17/32
1	Vogelstruisbilt	1-1 1/16
1	Welgedacht	1¼ 1⅜
1 21/32	West R. Con.	1 23/32 1 27/32+1/32
1 17/32	Western Rfs.	1⅜ 1 11/16−⅛
2⅛	West Springs	2 7/32-2 9/32+1/32
7	West Wit Ar	7¾-8−¼
15/16	Wit Deep	29/32-31/32

RHOD. AND EAST AF.

M.U.—Dec. 13		
7/6	Bechuana Ex	7/9-8/3
3	Cam & Motor	2¾-2⅞
29/6	Char. B.S.A.	30/0-30/6
1/0	E.Af.Gold(5/0)	0/9-1/3
26/6	Globe-Phnx	26/0-27/0
10/3	Go'dF.Rhod	10/6-11/0
2/6	Loangwa	2/3-2/9
5/4½	Lon. Rhod	4/10½-5/4½*
2/0	Lonely Reef	1/6-2/6
5/0	PhnxPnce(N.	4/9-5/3
15/6	Rezende	14/6-15/6*
20/6	Rhod.A.Am.	23/0-23/6+0/9
3/10½	Rhod.Bkn.Hill	4/0-4/3
4/3	Rhod.Corp.	4/1½-4/4½
7/32	Rhod.Kat'ng	3/16-¼
16/0	Rhod. Select	17/3-17/9−0/3
10	Rhokana C	11⅛-11¼+1/16
16/6	Roan Antel.	18/9-19/3+0/3
3/6	Rosterman(5/0	3/3-3/6
23/6	Select'n Tst	25/6-26/0
5/9	Selukwe (2/6)	6/0-6/6+0/3
3/9	Sherw'd Starr	3/3-3/9
9/0	Tangan.Con.	8/9-9/9−0/3
10/0	Do.6% Pref.	9/9-10/9−0/3
3/32	Vic.FallsOrd.	3-3⅛
40/0	Do. Pref.	2-2 1/16
1⅜	Wankie Col.	1 11/32 1 13/32+1/32
9/7½	Zamb. Expl.	8/9-9/9

AUSTRALIAN.

2 7/16	B. Hill Prop.	50/6-51/6
1 7/16	Do. Sth. New	1⅜-1 7/16−1/16
3/0	Com'wth(5/0)	2/9-3/3+0/1½
5/1½	Gt. Bould'r	5/0-5/6
16/6	Lake V.Star	16/3-16/9
20/0	Lake V.Inv.	19/0-20/0
⅜	Mount Isa	5/16-7/16
2 3/32	Nth. Bn. Hill	2 1/32-2 5/32
1 31/32	Sons of Gwalia	39/0-40/0
15/6	Sth. Kalgurli	14/3-15/3
9/6	Sulphide Ord.	9/0-10/0*
19/6	Do. Pref.	18/9-19/9−0/3
7/6	Wiluna Gold	6/0-6/9−0/1½
4	Zinc Ord. (10/0)	4-4⅛
6	Do. Pref.	6-6½

DIAMOND.

25/32	Cons. Af. Sel.	16/6-17/6‡
10/0	Cons. S. W. Afr Pref. (10/0)	8/6-9/6 −0/3
11¼	DeBeersDef.	12-12¼+⅛
13	Do. Pref.	13⅜-13⅝
1½	Jagersf'tein	1 11/16 1 13/16
4¾	Premier Pref.	4¼-4¾
2/0	West Afr.	1/9-2/3

COPPER.

15/3	Messina	14/9-15/3*−0/3
1 5/16	Mount Lyell	1 3/16-1¼
18¼	Rio Tinto (£5)	18⅞ 19⅜−⅜
2 1/16	Tharsis	2-2¼

TIN.

M.U.—Dec. 13		
5/1½	Ampat (10/0)	4/9-5/3
3/0	Anglo-C. (10/0)	2/9-3/3
1 5/16	Aramayo	1 9/32-1 11/32
8/9	Associa'd	8/1½-8/7½*
26/10½	Ayer Hitam	1 9/32-1 11/32
8/0	Bisichi	7/6-8/0
12/0	Gopeng	11/6-12/0
3/6	Idris Hydr Tin	8/0-9/0*
24/4½	Ipoh	24/0-24/6
7/16	Kaduna Synd	8/0-9/0*
11/3	Kamunting	10/6-11/0
14/6	Kram't Pul	13/3-13/9*
4/0	Lond.Tin(4/0)	3/10½-4/4½+0/1½
35/7½	Malayan T.D	34/9-35/3+0/7½
9/16	Naraguta	12/0-13/0
19/9	Pahang (5/0)	18/3-19/3
5/0	Pattani (5/0)	3/6-4/6*−0/3
19/6	Petaling	18/9-19/9+0/3
3/0	Rahm'n Hydr	3/0-3/6
1 3/16	Rambutan	15/9-16/9
1 5/16	Rawang Con.	25/7½-26/7½
2¼	Renong	2 5/32-2 7/32−1/32
25/6	Siamese	24/6-25/6
3/1½	Tavoy (4/0)	3/0-3/6
1 11/32	Tronoh (5/0)	25/9-26/9

WEST AFRICAN.

13/9	Amal.Bt(5/0)	14/9-15/3
8/6	Ariston	8/9-9/3*
3 3/16	Ashanti(4/0)	3 7/32-3 9/32+1/32
1/4½	Atta Gold	1/0-1/6
17/0	Bibiani	18/0 18/6
11/9	Fanti Cons.	11/9-12/3
23/9	G.Coast Sel.	24/6-25/0
1½	Kwahu (2/0)	1 9/16-1 11/16
1/7½	L'dhurst Deep	1/6-2/0
14/9	Marlu Gold	15/6 16/0
1/0	Nth. Ashanti	0/10½-1/1½
1 3/16	Taqu'h & Abs.	1 3/32-1 7/32*

MISCELLANEOUS.

11/6	BurmaCorp	11/10½-12/4½
40/0	Champ. Reef	40/9-41/9
11/0	Chos. Corp.	15/32-19/32
2/0	Explor. (10/-)	1/16-⅛
26/6	Frontino	1 11/32-1 13/32
4/9	Mex. Corpn.	4/6-5/6
2/9	Min. Trust	2/6-3/0
6	Min. Sepa't'n	5½-6½
7/3	Min. Crp. Can.	7/6-8/6+0/6
22/6	Mysore (10/0)	22/6-23/6
2⅝	Nundydroog	2⅝-2¾
9/0	Ooregum	10/9-11/9+0/9
24/3	St. J. Del Ray	1 7/32-1 9/32
9/3	San F'risco	9/0-10/0
1	Tigon Ming.	1½-0/7½
20/0	Trepca	20/3-21/3−0/3
7/3	Waihi In.	6/9 7/9

* Ex dividend. † Ex rights. ‡ Ex bonus. § Ex opt.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

Irish Civil Service Permanent Building Society.—The seventy-fourth annual report to the shareholders for year ended 30th November, 1937, states:—The receipts from all sources for the year have been £880,802 (£927,809), and the total assets now stand at £775,452 (£732,620), including the sum of £74,099 (£89,539) represented by Government securities, Bank of Ireland stock, Dublin Corporation stock, Railway Debenture stock and cash in hand. The amount advanced on mortgage during the year has been £175,824 (£148,668), making a total of £4,166,644 (£3,990,819) advanced since the formation of the Society. The amount now held on deposit account from members and the general public is £440,055 (£427,239). During the year the board re-issued 733 shares from the withdrawn and cancelled shares account. The premium on this re-issue, amounting to £13,870, has been added to our general reserve fund. The board has also added £6,129 (£6,000) to the same fund, which now stands at £129,000; £250 has been written off stocks and £114 off loans. After these allocations the net profits for the year with £6,687 carried over from last year, amount to £20,619 (£18,687). In June last an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum (same) was paid, and the board now declares a dividend at the same rate per cent. per annum for the past half-year, with a bonus of 10s. per share, all free of income tax. These payments absorb £13,466 (£12,000), leaving a balance of £7,153 carried forward to next account. Messrs. Edward P. McCarron and Arthur J. Beatty, the directors who now retire by rotation, offer themselves for re-election. Figures for the year ended 30th November, 1936, are given in parentheses.

A. F. Stoddard. — Interim of 2½ per cent. (same).

Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields.—Final dividend of 32½ p.c., which makes 45 p.c. for the year, compared with 35 p.c. Substantially increased capital ranks for the past year's dividend. Oil profits amounted to £489,714, compared with £369,700 for the previous year, and the net total, after writing off £138,754 for amortisation of wells (against £132,378) was £339,841, in contrast with £229,292. Carry forward is £118,556 (against £105,120).

Badulipar Tea.—Interim of 2½ per cent., less tax (same).

Canadian Bank of Commerce. — Rise in net profit from 2,909,124 dollars in 1935-36 to 2,934,117 dollars in the year to November 30, 1937. Dividends were maintained at 8 per cent. A sum of 260,307 dollars (against 259,003 dollars) has been transferred to the pension fund, and 250,000 dollars, compared with 200,000 dollars, written off bank premises. This leaves a balance of 739,326 dollars to go forward.

Cobbold.—Profit £74,776 (against £70,479), which was struck after providing £2,479 for capital increase expenses. Final Ordinary dividend of 7½ per cent., less tax, plus cash bonus of 2½ per cent., less tax, making 13½ per cent. (12½ per cent.). Forward, £7,431 (£7,299).

Dundee, Perth, and London Shipping.—Interim of 4 per cent., less tax (same).

Dussek Bros.—Net profit £15,459, add balance brought in £11,089, profit on sale of investment £834, making £27,382. Preference dividends absorb £2,975, income tax and N.D.C. £2,043, expense in connection with issue written off £2,361, leaving a balance of £1,500 on this account. Final dividend of 5 per cent., making 8 per cent., less tax. £12,004 forward.

F. Hills and Sons (Manchester).—Directors announce that they intend to delay making any distribution on Ordinary Shares until full year has elapsed, against an interim dividend of 3 per cent. last year, when accounts covered a period of fifteen months.

Municipal Freehold Land.—Dividend of 12½ per cent., plus bonus 3½ per cent., less tax (same).

Matthew Wells and Co. (Manchester).—Interim Ordinary 10 p.c., actual, less tax (same).

Mount Magnet Gold Mines. — Net profit £14,734 (£13,575), add balance brought forward £5,165, making £19,899. To taxation account £1,000. Dividend of 10 per cent. on the Ordinary (nil). Supplementary dividend on Participating Preference 3.787d. per share (net). £10,259 forward.

Offin River Gold.—Report for year to September 30, 1937, shows net profit £5,878, which is carried forward.

Roneos.—The accounts, which covered a period of 15 months to September 30, 1937, show a trading profit of £75,079. Net profit was £73,751 (against £69,683). Since the close of the 1936 account dividends for three years and three months to September 30, 1937, have been paid or declared on the 6 per Cent. Preference Shares, and five years and three months to the same date on the 10 per Cent. Preference Shares. These payments require slightly more than was carried on the capital during the period, consequently the carry forward is reduced from £15,355 to £12,757.

Royal Bank of Canada.—Profits, after tax, are up by 207,138 dollars, or 5.91 per cent., to 3,711,380 dollars. The dividends again total 8 per cent. The contribution to the Pension Fund Association is increased by 100,000 dollars to 300,000 dollars, leaving the carry forward up by 411,380 dollars at 2,235,176 dollars.

Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.—Interim dividend of 1/- a share tax free (against 6d. a share, tax free).

Stoll Theatres Corporation.—Revenue £4,215 (£7,807), including credit of £488 (£1,005) from income tax. After deducting interest and other charges there is a credit balance of £109,659 to be carried forward, as against £109,345 brought in.

Streatham Hill Playhouse.—Profit, £10,309 (£13,576). Deducting fees, expenses, interest and depreciation, etc., leaves net loss of £2,127 (against net profit of £923). Debit balance of £41,921 brought in is thus raised to £44,047.

Tarran Industries.—Profit for the year £41,076, including a dividend of £3,000 from the subsidiary company, Brandesburton Gravel. This compares with £26,084 in the previous year, when there was no dividend from the subsidiary, but a profit of £74 on realisation of investment. £39,043 is carried forward, against £6,674 brought in.

Van Emden (Dutch Guiana) Gold Mines.—The report for the year ended June 30, 1937, states that cash received during the year in respect of premium on shares issued in December, 1936, was £38,527, which, with balance at June 30, 1936, makes £98,315, from which, after providing for expenses of issue and underwriting commission, £3,780, has been transferred to profit and loss account, leaving a balance of £90,996. The balance sheet shows prospecting and development account less £645, sales of gold at £86,923. The directors have resolved to extend options of twelve months, and current option certificates consequently remain in force until December 31, 1938.

Youanmi Gold Mines.—Report for year to June 30 last shows mine development account at £83,113. Deducting £43,595, proceeds of bullion realised, leaves £39,418 carried forward on this account. General Manager has computed indicated ore reserves at June 30, 1937, at 139,865 tons of an average value of 10 dwt. 13 grains per ton, mainly in Polland shaft section.

IRISHMAN'S DIARY

"Rugbeian, Associationist and Gaelic" : The Horns of Gold
The Ballinascorney Cross : Brigadier-General Goligher
Costly Kisses

More About McCarthy

A correspondent writes:—

Anent the "Festooned with Saxons" mystery, what about that other mystery? Who was the player of whom it was first written, that "he was as useless as the ph in phthisis"? And who was the person who used the phrase? The consensus of opinion in regard to the second question points to "Jacques," and the occasion an ordinary club match.

There is fortunately no doubt as to the origin of the description of the three styles of football that are played in Ireland. That description ran: "In Rugby, you kick the ball; in Association, you kick the man if you cannot kick the ball; and in Gaelic, you kick the ball if you cannot kick the man."

It was quoted in C. H. Bretherton's book, "The Real Ireland," which appeared fifteen years or so ago, but was, of course, far older.

The book in which "Jacques'" description appeared was published in 1892 by Cassell, of London. It was entitled, "Football—The Rugby Union Game," and the editor was an English clergyman, the Rev. F. Marshall.

The contribution which "Jacques" made to the book was entitled, "International Football—Ireland," and, mainly because of the manner in which the chapter opened, the reviewers gave more attention to the Irish contribution than to the rest of the book, valuable though the latter was as an historic record of the game.

Marshall's book is now long out of print; but a copy is preserved in the offices of the Irish Rugby Football Union, and it is to be found in two private collections—those of Stanley Polden and H. R. Maunsell, who, between them, have the most complete records of the game that Ireland possesses.

"Free and Festive"

Though it is forty-seven years since it was written, many football enthusiasts and others will welcome a reproduction of the opening part of "Jacques'" article, and I give it below:—

"Football in Ireland may be said to consist of three parts—Rugbeian, Associationist and Gaelic. The rule of play in these organisations has been defined as follows:—In Rugby, you kick the ball; in Association, you kick the man if you cannot kick the ball; and in Gaelic, you kick the ball if you cannot kick the man. This puts the present procedure and position of the rival devotees into a nutshell.

"The Associationists are mainly confined to Belfast, where they form a body which it would be as difficult to convict of professionalism as it would be for them to prove that they are amateurs.

"The Gaels are a free and festive community, who have their headquarters at Clonturk Park, Drumcondra, Co. Dublin. This park is conveniently situated between Glasnevin graveyard and the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital. A man has been known to pass from the football field direct to the hospital, and from the hospital to the cemetery; another match being then got up to raise funds for the benefit of the next-of-kin, thus running the risk of killing a few more for the benefit of the deceased!

"Gaelic football, which is almost exclusively played on Sunday, flourishes enormously all over the country, and its most important rule is that no man who has played Rugby shall be permitted to participate until he has purged himself by two years' abstention from the pseudo-Saxon game."

Ballinascorney Cross

Yet another correspondent horns in with an "origin" of the old cross at Ballinascorney Gap.

"I remember," he says, "on one occasion discussing the question of the cross with Arthur Griffith, whose knowledge of the legends and folk-lore of County Dublin was extensive. According to information which he gathered from an old inhabitant of the district, the cross was erected on account of an incident which occurred about the middle of the eighteenth century.

"An agricultural labourer was hanged for horse stealing, in the rough and ready fashion of the times, on a gallows which stood near this spot. It was well known in the neighbourhood that the wrong man had been executed, and the local residents put up the cross as a testimonial to their belief in his innocence."

The Horns of Gold

A somewhat similar instance of the reaction of public feeling towards a miscarriage of justice occurred at a much later date in Co. Donegal.

A bailiff employed on the Nixon Estate was murdered on a dark night by a man who waylaid him and hit him over the head with a turf slane. The wrong man was arrested and eventually sent for trial at Lifford. The jury disagreed and the prisoner was acquitted.

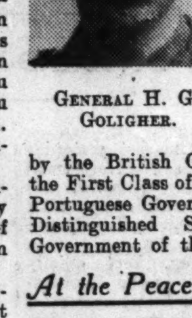
"It was whispered throughout Donegal that the disagreement was due to the action of one member of the jury, a Protestant farmer, who was not satisfied with the evidence offered by the Crown.

"It so happened that this man possessed six cows, all of which were horned except one. A few mornings after the trial he went to his byre to attend to the cattle, and found to his amazement that the hornless animal was now wearing a large pair of horns.

"On further investigation he discovered that the horns were strapped to the cow's head, and that each of them was filled to the brim with sovereigns."

An Irishman in Tangiers

An Irishman has been appointed as the representative of Great Britain in the government of the International Zone in Tangier. He is Brigadier-General Hugh Garvin Goligher, a brother of Dr. W. A. Goligher, Vice-Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.



GENERAL H. G. GOLIGHER.

Brigadier-General Goligher retired from the post of Assistant Secretary and Comptroller of Lands at the War Office in 1933. During the War he was Acting Director of Finance at the War Office and Financial Adviser to the Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France, with the rank of Brigadier-General.

He was mentioned in despatches and decorated with the *Croix d'Officier* of the Legion of Honour by the French Government, made a C.B.E. by the British Government, admitted to the First Class of the Order of Aviz by the Portuguese Government, and awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Government of the United States.

At the Peace Conference

At the Peace Conference General Goligher was a member of the British delegation, and later served for six years on the Reparations Commission in Paris. For the following four years he was the British representative on the Commission of Interpretation in connection with services rendered by Germany to the Armies of Occupation. In 1929 he attended the Hague Conference as an expert on the financial conditions associated with the evacuation.

In his new post at Tangier General Goligher's duties will be diplomatic as well as financial and administrative.

In recent years the International Zone in Tangier has been the scene of political contests between the Powers which control its administration, and General Goligher's experience should be very useful there.

He was born in 1873, and had a brilliant career in Trinity College, Dublin. He was honoured with the LL.D. (*hon. causa*) in 1918.

Costly Kisses

A correspondent writes:—"It is sad to observe that mistletoe is dearer this Christmas. My greengrocer tells me that the duty alone on imported consignments is about five times the value of the goods.

"'Thim'll be the dear kisses this year, ma'am,' he added, as he handed me a microscopic portion for sixpence.

"It is hard to see the need for a heavy tariff on an article which is not likely to be produced at home in sufficient quantity to supply the market.

QUIDNUNC.

A Sportsman's Review

Neutral Judges Essential for Boxing Internationals : Sean Clancy's Fine Form : Where the Rugby Game Has Changed

By PAUL DENIS

Unsatisfactory Local Rules

THE old question of the judging in amateur boxing has arisen again during the Irish team's tour on the Continent, and it is thoroughly unsatisfactory to read, in reports of the matches in Germany and Poland, that draws had been announced in some of the bouts. It leads one to the uneasy suspicion that the Irishmen would probably have gained the verdict had one been awarded, and our defeat in the second of the German tournaments by 3 bouts to 2, with three draws, all involving our best men, was decidedly doubtful. There is no such result as a draw in the rules of the International Federation—a verdict must be given, no matter how well matched the men might have been—so the only explanation seems to be that the contests were governed by local regulations. When a national team from one country visits another the International Federation should take steps to ensure that all the contests are fought under their rules; for otherwise, as in this case, the visiting team will go away dissatisfied. It is time indeed that the whole question of judging in amateur internationals was thrashed out; for, while the Irishmen were in Germany, a team from the latter country was losing to England at the Albert Hall—much to the disgust of their supporters, who disagreed violently with a couple of the decisions. The appointment of three neutral judges is the only solution to the problem, and, even though it would increase the cost of the matches, that aspect should take a secondary place to the securing of more satisfactory decisions. Under present conditions international matches are doing more harm than good in amateur boxing.

Young Men Successful

The success of the team was Sean Clancy, who only suffered defeat in his last engagement, the second match in Poland, and that by a very narrow margin. The red-haired Arbour Hill youth put up a great performance in completely out-boxing and out-fighting Murach, the European Welter-weight Champion, at Hamburg, and his speed, allied to his fighting spirit and crisp punching, puts him in the top flight in Europe. He might well crown his achievements with an A.B.A. title next March, even though luck plays such a prominent part in the long day's boxing at the Albert Hall. Another man who did extremely well was M. Doyle, one of the strongest bantam-weights fighting at present, whose persistent attacking nearly always upsets the tactics of cleverer boxers, while Smith is obviously showing no signs of decline on his form in Germany and Poland. The unluckiest man of the party was our new heavy-weight, McMullan, who lost all his fights, yet did almost sufficient to have gained the verdict in three of them.

Speed of Present-day Forwards

I was involved in a heated discussion the other day with a Rugby follower of the old school who holds no brief for the present-day players against the giants of the past, despite my contentions that the game has speeded up so much that the teams of thirty or forty years ago would be run off their feet. I think I have some proof of my arguments in occurrences in recent big matches. In the Oxford and Cambridge affair at Twickenham, P. K. Mayhew, standing six feet four inches and weighing over fourteen stone, dribbled fifty yards and scored a try, outpacing the Cambridge defenders with the ball at his feet. When Cambridge played in College Park last week T. Clements, the Trinity forward, started a dribble in his own half, and carried it on all by himself to the Cambridge line, being just beaten for the touch-down. In the English trial at Ipswich last Saturday, R. M. Marshall, another Oxford forward, picked up the ball in his own half, and with the defenders vainly pursuing him romped over the line to score. Now Mayhew and Clements are acknowledged wingers, doing little shoving in the scrums, but Marshall is a working forward and the heaviest man in the Oxford pack, yet he could hold his own in a long run with England's fastest three-quarters. In most first-class packs at present six of the eight forwards will be able to match the average three-quarter for speed, and that could not, I think, be said of the forwards of thirty years ago.

Browne's Success as Forward

It looks as if R. F. Browne will at last get an Irish hockey cap, judging by his form in the Leinster final trial on Saturday. He was the best forward on the field at Londonbridge road, and, as he is an adept at giving passes to his partners, his chances largely depend on his ability to score goals. He had three on Saturday, and, if he can beat the Ulster and Munster goalkeepers, his success should be assured. When the rumour spread at the beginning of the season that D. J. Coulson was being sent to India with his regiment Browne was looked upon as his successor at centre-half, but Coulson is staying in England, and so the present Trinity man is denied his opportunity in his regular position. He would be a popular choice in the forward line; for many centre-halves of less ability have represented their country, but Coulson should hold that place for many years to come.

International Squash Matches

Nothing will do more to raise the standard of squash rackets in this country than the arrangement of international matches, and the officials here have been quick to recognise this fact; for a fixture has been made against Scotland on the eve of the Rugby international between the two countries at Edinburgh. The Scottish Association are endeavouring to fix a contest against England to take place before the Calcutta Cup match each year, and if they succeed the way should be open for us to do the same thing. The Scots have at least one good player in the person of W. B. Scott, who reached the third round of the Amateur Championship at the Bath Club, and created a distinct impression there, but our matches against the Jesters have shown that we possess some first-class material in Sir Basil Goulding, while T. G. McVeagh would, I feel certain, worry the majority of English players of reputation. His only test was against E. Snell, but it was an unfair one, as at that time Snell was almost as far ahead of any other player as Amr Bey was in front of him. An Irish team could, I think, give Scotland an interesting match.

Irish Football Teams No. 12:—Instonians R.F.C. Front row (from left): G. McCombe, S. Walker, and N. Hewitt. Second row: W. R. Morrow, R. B. Hunter (captain), and A. Colbert. Third row: W. M. Brennan, V. A. Hewitt, L. R. Kelly, W. G. McIlroy, G. Calwell, and W. G. Dick. Behind: S. Ireland, S. L. Clark, and R. A. Porter. Next Week: Drumcondra A.F.C.

ON THE WIRELESS

TO-DAY

RADIO ATHLONE: Christmas Play, "Candle Light," 8.15.

B.B.C. NATIONAL: "At the Black Dog," 12.30.

LONDON REGIONAL: Talk—Dame Ethel Smyth, 8.0.

BERLIN: The People's Festival, 6.0.

LEIPZIG: Light Music, 6.35.

TURIN: Opera—"Le Euric di Arlecchino," 8.0.

VIENNA: Opera—"Arabella," 5.55.

WARSAW: "Waltzes from Vienna," 7.0.

THE British Broadcasting Corporation shows commendable ingenuity always in its methods of bringing interesting people to the microphone, and such radio features as "In Town To-night" and "The World Goes By" have proved themselves excellent entertainment. Afternoon listeners—people who, for some reason or other, are normally prevented from "tuning-in" at night—who have felt the deprivation of being unable to listen to this type of broadcast feature will welcome the first of a new series, "At the Black Dog," from B.B.C. National at 12.30 this afternoon. This feature is really not quite new, since Empire listeners made their first acquaintance with William Wilkes, the landlord, his wife, Aggie, and a regular habitué (that well-known radio personality, Mr. Howard Marshall), at this imaginary hostelry in the West End of London in the beginning of October, and have found it and the half-a-score of weekly broadcasts which have since followed very good listening, indeed. The conversational standards of the "Black Dog" are very high, since all sorts of famous people "drop in." A list of the personalities who have done so up to date is a diverse one, and includes the charming and talented Yvonne Arnaud; Danilova, queen of ballet, and Colonel de Basil, Primo Carnera, Jean Batten, Patsy Hendren—that bright star who has shone so long in the cricket firmament; the witty Ronald Frankau, and Billy Bennett. This morning listeners will meet equally well-known persons, but their names are kept a secret to provide the piquant flavour of surprise in this new broadcast series.

"Two Meetings with the Kaiser before the War" is the title of an interesting talk, which will be given in the London Regional programme to-night by that competent musical personality, Dame Ethel Smyth, D.B.E., Mus.Doc., at 8 o'clock. Dame Smyth, who still maintains that the last German Emperor was merely a puppet in the grip of forces beyond his control, and "a victim of our (very human) tendency to fabricate scapegoats," met him on the first occasion at a dinner-party in March, 1902, just before the Berlin production of her opera, "Der Wald." On that occasion they talked for an hour and three-quarters, during which the Kaiser characteristically unfolded a pet scheme of his for the reorganisation of the British Army. The second meeting took place two months later, and, as Dame Smyth has written in her memoirs, for her "a previously formed impression deepened—namely, that but for his inconceivable vanity the Kaiser would have been one of the most remarkable of men."

Whether one agrees with the political creed of the new Germany or not it is worth "tuning-in" to Berlin at 6 o'clock this evening to hear the broadcast of the People's Christmas Festival from the Friedrichshain Saalbau, because this programme includes an address from the German Minister of Propaganda. Listeners who do—and this includes those who do not understand German, and those who view with disfavour the activities of Dr. Goebbels—will be forced to admit that they are listening to one of the most outstanding political orators of the day, and one who completely outshines Herr Hitler in this respect.

RADIO ATHLONE—DUBLIN, 233 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.), **ATHLONE, 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (100 Kw.), and **CORK, 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.)

1.30-3.0—Gramophone Concert.
5.30—Waiting for Santa Claus: A Programme for Children, presented by Hilda Duffy.
5.45—Fe mar a chitear domh-sa: Liam O Buachalla.
6. 0—Modern English Composers, No. 3: Piano Compositions played by Victor Love. Short Talk. Jackanapes (H. Howells); A Fairy Tale (Suite for Piano) (Fk. Bridge); Paradise Gardens (Wm. Baines), Silverpoints (do.); Prelude—The Hounds of Spring (A. Gibbs); Concert Study (York Bowen).
6.35—Sgathan na nGaedheal.
6.45—To-day's News.
7. 0—The Lights of Dublin: Christmas in the Capital, by Anna Kelly.
7.20—Irish Radio Orchestra and William Fortune (tenor) in Christmas Music. Orchestra: Christmas Memories (Finck). William Fortune: Angelus Domini (Pontet); Gathering Clouds (Old Melody, arr. Bain); Star of Bethlehem (Adams). Orchestra: Christmas Tree Suite (Rebikov). William Fortune: The Children's Prayer (Power); The Bells of Christmas (Shaw); Snow Time (Meale). Orchestra: Christmas Bells (Eilenberg).
8. 5—"They Wrote to Santa Claus." A Reading of Children's Letters.
8.15—"Candle Light." A Christmas Play, by Eily MacAdam, produced by James J. Henry.
8.35—Mairin Ni Sheaghdha: Christmas Songs to Old Irish and Scottish Music.
8.55—An Talamh Naomhtha: An tAth. Earl MacCongbhuidhe.
9.10—Nance McLoughlin in 'Cello Recital: Lied ohne Worte, Op. 109 (Mendelssohn); Lullaby, Op. 57 (arr. Evans, Cyril Scott); To a Water Lily, Op. 51 (MacDowell, arr. Klengel); Danse Rustique, Op. 20 (Squire); Suite: (a) Lied, (b) Impromptu, (c) La Friponne (Vander Straeten).
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—To-night's News. Programme concluded by Light Music.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra. Harry Dyson (flute).
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—Christmas Carols from St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.
8. 0—"In the Steps of St. Columba." The Very Rev. R. G. S. King, Dean of Derry.
8.15—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.
8.45—"An Ulster Garden." H. G. Fleet.
9. 0-12.0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—At Home To-day.
11. 5—Gramophone.
11.45—The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra. Directed by Alfred Van Dam.
12.30—"At the Black Dog." Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.
1. 0—The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.
2. 0—Gramophone Records. Farewell Leicester Square.
2.50—Things I Cannot Explain. Two Ghost Stories.
3. 5—Gramophone.
3.15—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Solo Violoncello, Leily Howell.
4.45—Tea-Time Talk: Christmas. A discussion between an Englishwoman and an Austrian—Thelma H. Benjamin and Berthe Grossbard.
5. 0—The Dansant. Join us this afternoon by radio in another of our weekly Thés Dansants. Dancing to Al Collins and his Orchestra.
6. 0—Time, News, and Weather.
6.20—"Books I Read Twice": E. I. Plaisted.
6.40—A Pianoforte Recital by Patricia Rossborough.
7. 0—Gramophone.
7.30—A Recital by Dale Smith (baritone).
8. 0—Jack Payne's Party. Jack Payne is having a Party in the Studio, to which he is inviting several well known Radio, Film, and Stage Stars.
9. 0—Time, News, and Weather.
9.20—Schubert—2. String Quartet in G minor, No. 9.
9.45—"Wanted for Murder": Frank Gerald.
10. 0—A Short Mid-Week Service from St. Michael's Chester Square.
10.20—The B.B.C. Orchestra and Maurice Cole (pianoforte).
11.15—Jack Jackson and his Band, from the Dorchester Hotel.
11.30-12.0—Gramophone (Dance Music).

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service. Time Signal (Greenwich) at 10.30.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—Leslie Simpson at the Organ of the Classic Cinema, Belfast.
11.15—The Orpheus Trio.
11.45—A Recital: The B.B.C. Singers (A).
12.15—The B.B.C. Welsh Orchestra and Marion Browne (soprano).
1. 0—"The Charm against Thirst." A short story by Lord Dunsany, read by Kevin Fitzgerald.
1.30—Gramophone (Dance Music).
2. 0—A Light Classical Concert. Jean Laird Bruce (contralto) and the Philharmonic String Quartet.
2.45—The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, conducted by Captain F.J. Ricketts, Director of Music, Royal Marines, and Hilda Blake (soprano), from the Abbey Hall, Plymouth.

MR. DE VALERA TO BROADCAST

Mr. de Valera will make a broadcast statement from Radio Athlone on December 29th, when the new Constitution comes into force.

The broadcast, which will be relayed throughout America by the Columbia Company, will start at 7.45 p.m., and will be preceded by an Irish programme, beginning at 7.15.

3.45—Gramophone (Variety).
4.15—The Hotel Victoria Orchestra, from the Hotel Victoria, London.
5. 0—Chilren's Hour.
6. 0—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra. Harry Dyson (flute).
7. 0—Time, News, Weather.
7.30—Reginald King and his Orchestra.
8. 0—Two Meetings with the Kaiser before the War: Dame Ethel Smyth, D.B.E., Mus.Doc.
8.15—A Concert of Christmas Music.
9. 0—Variety from the Hippodrome Theatre, Aston.
9.30—Grandma Buggins visits the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather, Sport, Topical Talks.
10.25—Jack Jackson and his Band, with Helen Clare, Jack Cooper, Joe Ferrie, The Jackdaws. From the Dorchester Hotel.
11.30—Time, News, Weather.
11.40-12.0—Gramophone.

MIDLAND—296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.).

10.15-5.0—Regional.
6. 0—John Bennett at the Organ of the Plaza Theatre, Rugby.
6.30—A Recital by Arthur Cranmer (baritone).
7. 0—Time, News, Weather.
7.30—Regional.
8.15—A Concert of Christmas Music. Eveline Stevenson (soprano), the B.B.C. Midland Singers, the B.B.C. Midland Orchestra.
9. 0—Variety from the Hippodrome Theatre, Aston.
9.30—Harry Engleman's Quintet, with Vernon Adcock (xylophone).
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.).

10.15-11.45—Regional.
11.45—A Ballad Concert: Katherine Beacock (soprano), George Cass (baritone), Miles Coverdale (pianoforte).
12.15—Regional.
6. 0—"Pre-Pantomime Parade": A Recorded Tour of some of the leading Northern Pantomimes, introducing producers and stars at rehearsal. Episode 1: "Cinderella," at the Palace Theatre, Manchester. Episode 2: "Aladdin," at the Theatre Royal, Leeds. Episode 3: "Humpty Dumpty," at the Grand Theatre, Leeds. Episode 4: "Dick Whittington," at the Empire Theatre, Newcastle. Episode 5: "Dick Whittington," at the Gaiety Theatre, Manchester. Episode 6: "Babes in the Wood," at the Alhambra, Bradford.
6.40—"Christmas in Wartime" J. Fairfax-Blakeborough.
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—Darts: A Running Commentary by Richard North on this evening's match between Harold Barker, of Bradford, and Andy Brannan, of Sunderland, from the Royal Hotel, Fagley, Bradford.
7.45—The Newcastle String Players.
8.15—A Nativity Play Founded upon Numbers 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 of the Yorkshire Miracle Plays. From the Parish Church, Skipton.
9. 0-12.0—Regional.

WEST—285.7 Metres (1,050 Kc.).

10.45-5.0—National.
5. 0—Regional.
8.15—For Western Farmers in Particular. "Soil Surveys": A. W. Ling and D. A. Osmond, Soil Surveyor at the Long Ashton Research Station.
8.35—The Grand Hotel Orchestra, under the direction of Edgar Hawke, from the Grand Hotel, Bristol.
9. 0—Pantomime Preview. A peep behind the scenes during the final rehearsals of "Cinderella," from the Prince's Theatre Bristol, "Aladdin," from the Palace Theatre, Plymouth, and "Cinderella," from the Pavilion, Bournemouth.
10. 0—Regional.
10.25—Close down.

WALES—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—The County Borough of Swansea Police Band. Bessie Jones (soprano).
6.45—A Penillion and Harp Recital.
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—Y Newyddion.
7.45—The Nantlle Vale Orpheus Male Voice Choir. Conductor, C. H. Leonard; Alwena Roberts, harp.
8.30—"Christmas Celebrations of Yesterday."
8.50—A Recital by Ben Davies (tenor), with Idris Lewis at the pianoforte.
9.20—"Butties." A Christmas Feature, by Jack Jones.
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
3.30—Mid-Week Service. Conducted by the Rev. Oliver Russell, St. Stephen's Church, Comely Bank, Edinburgh.
4. 0-5.0—Regional.
6. 0—Lesmahagow and District Miners' Welfare Band.
6.30—For Scottish Farmers: A. D. Buchanan Smith.
6.40—Glasgow Police Pipe Band. Directed by Pipe-Major John MacDonald.
7. 0—Regional.
8.15—"Whuppitystoorie" (an ancient Scots fairy tale).
9. 0-12.0—Regional.

ON THE CONTINENT

BRUSSELS 1 (483.9 m.)—8.0-8.30 p.m.—Cabaret Programme with M. Bervyl and Artists of the Grillon.
BRUSSELS 2 (321.9 m.)—8.0-10.0 p.m.—The Millionth I.N.R. Listener—Variety with the I.N.R. Orchestras, Dramatic Company, J. Steurs (Accordion) and Soloists.
BUDAPEST (549.5 m.)—8.55-9.30 p.m.—Recital of Bartók Music, played by the Composer (Piano).
LEIPZIG (382.2 m.)—8.20-8.50 p.m.—Recital of Brahms Music by Gunther Homann (piano).
MILAN (368.6 m.)—8.0 p.m.—Relay from the Royal Opera, Rome—"Le furie di Arlecchino" (Lualdi), "L'amico Fritz" (Mascagni), with Gigli in the Cast.
NAPLES (271.7 m.)—7.30-9.30 (approx.)—"The Dollar Princess"—Operetta (Fall), conducted by Petralia.
PRAGUE (470.2 m.)—7.10-7.55 p.m.—"Born this Day"—Christmas Play (Müller), with Music by Ponc.
RENNES-BRETAGNE (288.5 m.)—9.30 p.m.—"A Breton Christmas Eve"—Fantasy with the Celtic Choir of Nantes.
STRASBOURG (349.2 m.)—9.45-10.30 p.m.—Christmas Programme: "Pour Noël" (Bretagne), for Women's Voices and Orchestra; "The Nativity" (Bouchon), with Music by Vidal.
VIENNA (506.8 m.)—5.55-9.25 p.m.—"Arabella"—Opera in Three Acts (Richard Strauss), relayed from the Vienna State Opera House.

TO-MORROW

RADIO ATHLONE—DUBLIN, 233 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.), **ATHLONE, 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (100 Kw.), and **CORK, 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.)

1.30-3.0—Gramophone Concert.
5.30—A Programme for Children: Christmas Carols and a Play, "Bethlehem Holly," and Santa Claus himself, presented by Maura Laverty.
6. 5—Kathleen Sheridan in Irish Dance Music on the Fiddle: Peter Street, Bonnie Kate, Boyne Hunt (Reels), Sheehan's Reel, Heather Breeze, Irish Washerwoman, Trip to the Cottage, Eavesdropper (Jigs), Friendly Visit, Sweeps, Cork (Hornpipes).
6.20—"Oh, those Christmas Presents," by J.A.P.
6.35—Sgathan na nGaedheal.
6.45—To-day's News.
7. 0—The Crib by Alfred O'Rahilly.
7.15—Gabriel Lavelle (Baritone) in Song Recital, with Irish Radio Orchestra.
7.45—To-night in the Gaeltacht, with Pilib O Muimhneachain, Treasa Nic Aodhain, Micheal O Conaill agus Bairbre Ni Chonaire.
8.15—Irish Radio Orchestra and Edith McKenna (Soprano). Orchestra: Carnival of Venice (Thomas), Children's Suite (Ansell). Edith McKenna: The Lake Isle of Innisfree (Muriel Herbert), I cannot lose thee for a day (Muriel Herbert). Orchestra: Christmas Overture (C. Taylor), Dream of Christmas (Ketelbey). Edith McKenna: Contentment (Muriel Herbert), Fountain Court (Muriel Herbert). Orchestra: Christmas Medley (Aston), Bacchanalia Fantasia (Finck).
8.45—Christmas comes but once a year: Interviews compered by Captain J. F. Lucy, introducing the following Carols:—Joseph and his Angel (Terry), The First Nowell (Trad.), Silent Night, Holy Night (Gruber), Adeste Fidelis, Good King Wenceslas, Christ was Born on Christmas Day.
9.15—Sean Nolan (Fiddle), with Eamon O Gallcobhair at the Piano, in Irish Traditional Music.
9.30—Sponsored Programe.
10.30—To-night's News.
11. 0—The President Speaks to Irish Exiles.
11.15—Christmas Carols: A Programme by the Good Companions. Irish Carol (arr. Grattan Flood), Lullaby (Solo Part, Eileen Clancy) (arr. West), This Day Christ was Born (Byrd), Sweet was the Song the Vergine Sange (Ballet, arranged Terry), Rejoice, Rejoice (Byrd), Three Kings (Solo, Joseph O'Neill) (Cornelius), How Bright appears the Morning Star (Nicolai, arr. Bach), The Madonna and Child (Thiman), The Holly and the Ivy (Solo, Renee Flynn) (arr. Boughton), Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind (Solo, Samuel Mooney) (Quilter), Wassail Song (arr. V. Williams), Patapan (Old Burgundian), A Merry Christmas (arr. A. Warrell).
11.35—Gramophone Records.
12. 0—Midnight Mass, relayed from Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea.
12.45—Close down.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.).

10.15-5.0—Regional.
5.30—"The Ideal Job," a Nurse.
5.45—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.
9.20—"Not One Returns to Tell," a Ghostly Adventure, by Denis Johnston.
10. 0-12. 0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich, Weather.
10.45—"Before They Go To School," Answering Listeners' Question by a Doctor.
11. 0—The Wessex Players.
11.45—An Organ Recital, by A. M. Henderson, from the University Chapel, Glasgow.
12.30—Henry Hall and His Dance Orchestra.
1.15—Chamber Music, the Kutcher Trio.
2. 0—"The Lost Treasure of the Incas," Rev. A. S. McNairn.
2.20—The John MacArthur Quintet.
2.45—Gramophone: Stuff and Nonsense, a Christmas Box of Records from Lionel Gamlin and Leslie Perowne.
3.25—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, upon Christmas Eve, 1937, from King's College, Chapel, Cambridge.
4.45 app.—"No Room." A Preface for Christmas: Geoffrey Tandy.
5. 0—A Recital by Edward Reach (tenor).
5.15—Mario De Pietro and his Estudiantina.
6. 0—Time, News Weather.
6.20—The B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.
7. 0—"The String Under-Secretary," by Francis Beeding.
8. 0—Kerbside Kabaret. London's Buskers' Own Show. Written and devised by B. Martin Marks.
8.30—Schubert—3.
9. 0—Time, News, Weather.
9.20—B.B.C. Ballroom, 1909. Dancing To-Night to the B.B.C. Empire Orchestra, under the direction of Eric Fogg. F. H. Grisewood takes his daughter to a Pre-War Dance.
10. 0—The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.
10.40—"A Sad Tale's Best for Winter." A Sombre Anthology for the Eve of Christmas. Arranged by Igor Vinogradoff. Those taking part are Lilian Harrison, Arthur Evans, G. R. Schjelderup, H. O. Nicholson, Carleton Hobbs. Produced by M. H. Allen.
11.15—Joe Loss and his Band, from the Astoria Dance Salon.
11.30-12.0—Gramophone (Dance Music).

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service. Time Signal, Greenwich, at 10.30.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—Felton Rapley at the Organ of the Gaumont Palace Cinema, Birmingham.
11.15—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra. Elsie McCullough (soprano).
12.15—The Wynford Reynolds Octet.
12.45—A Pianoforte Recital by Marjorie Bates.
1.15—Gramophone.
1.45—Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ in a Programme of Music for children of all ages.
2.15—The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra. Antonio Brosa (violin).
3.15—The Carlton Hotel Orchestra. Directed by René Tapponnier, from the Carlton Hotel.
3.50—"The History of Jazz," by Leonard Hibbs. 12—White Jazz Again.
4.20—"Oliver Twist." Part 2. A Drama drawn from the work of Charles Dickens by J. Comyns Carr. (Revised for broadcasting.)
5. 0—Children's Hour.
6. 0—A Pianoforte Recital by Kendall Taylor.
6.20—Eugene Pini and his Tango Orchestra, with Diana Clare.
7. 0—Time News Weather.
7.30—The Little Orchestra, directed by Jack Hardy, with Doris Gambell.
8. 0—A Carol Service: The B.B.C. Chorus (Section C) and members of the B.B.C. Military Band, from St. Mary's, Whitechapel.
8.30—Music from the Movies, with Louis Levy and his Symphony; Eve Becke and Gerry Fitzgerald.
9.10—The B.B.C. Orchestra.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather, Sport, Topical Talks.
10.25—Joe Loss and his Band, with Betty Dale, Monte Rey, Chick Henderson, The Lost Chords, from the Astoria Dance Salon.
11.30—Time, News, Weather.
11.40-12.0—Gramophone.

MIDLAND—296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—The Maddison String Trio.
6.20—Regional.
7.30—Carols by the Choir of Peterborough Cathedral (Organist and Choirmaster, Henry Coleman), from the Cathedral, Peterborough.
8. 0—"Goodwill Towards Men": A Christmas Eve Anthology of verse, prose and story selected from the Bible and from the writings of John Milton, Tennyson, Thomas Hardy, Robert Bridges, Coleridge, Traherne, Wordsworth, A. E. Housman, A. Clutton Brock, Rupert Brooke, and Siegfried Sassoon.
8.30-12.0—Regional.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6.20—The Leeds Banjo, Mandoline, and Guitar Orchestra.
6.40—North Country Farming. "Times have Changed": William Robertson, J. A. Hanley.
7. 0—Regional.
7.20—Brief Chronicle.
7.30—The Little Orchestra, with Doris Gambell.
8. 0—Out of the Ordinary (two stories that some people would say are about ghosts): "96 Quay Street" and "The Man in the Train."
8.30—Regional.
9.10—Christian Men Rejoice! A Christmas Journey through Four Centuries.
10. 0-12-0—Regional.

WEST—285.7 Metres (1,050 Kc.).

10.45-6.0—National.
6. 0—Regional.
6.20—The City of Bristol Police Band. Esme Webb (contralto).
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—"Waits and Measures": A Christmas Anthology of carols, songs, stories, and dances, with George Greening, George Holloway, and The B.B.C. West of England Singers.
8. 0—Midland.
8.30—Regional.
9.10—Dance Cabaret from the Headland Hotel, Newquay.
10. 0—Regional.
10.25—Close down.

WALES—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—A Recital by Redvers Llewellyn (baritone).
6.20—Regional.
7.30—Y Newyddion.
7.45—"On Friday Nights."
8. 0—Regional.
8.30—"Going Home." Plantation Melodies and Negro Spirituals.
9.10-12.0—Regional.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—"Next Week You'll Hear."
6.10—Saturday Sport. Harry Young and John Richardson.
6.20—Regional.
7.30—Scottish Dance Music. The Scottish Studio Orchestra.
8. 0—Regional.
8.30—"Annals of Aberdeen." Alexander Spinnie Shanks, Esquire, of Aberdeen, recalls for the second time the occasion when an interest in genealogy led him to claim his family tree (Genus Monkey Puzzle).
8.50—An excerpt from the Pantomime, "Dick Whittington," from the Empire Theatre, Glasgow.
9.20—"The Week in Scotland." Colin Milne.
9.40—An Organ Recital by Wilfred Emery from Glasgow Cathedral.
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (D) (1571 m.)—7.20-9.0 p.m.—"Christmas Candles"—Concert by the Station Orchestra. Readings.
BRESLAU (315.8 m.)—7.20-9.0 p.m.—"The Christmas Tree"—Choral and Orchestral Music, with Soloists.
BRUSSELS 2 (321.9 m.)—5.0-5.45 p.m.—Mozart Concert by the Radio Orchestra, with Violin Soloist and Records.
KALUNDBORG (1250 m.)—6.30-7.0 p.m.—Danish-Swedish Christmas Exchange Programme. Music by Choirs and a String Orchestra.
LEIPZIG (382.2 m.)—8.0-9.0 p.m.—Christmas Chimes of German Cathedrals (Ambrosius) by the Leipzig Symphony Orchestra.
LUXEMBOURG (1293 m.)—9.30-10.15 p.m.—A Christmas Tour of the World—Musical Programme.
MONTE CENERI (257.1 m.)—7.0-7.45 p.m.—Hymn of Praise for the Nativity (Respighi) by Soloists, Choir and Instrumentalists.
PARIS (PTT) (431.7 m.)—8.30-10.30 p.m.—Concert from the Conservatoire. The National Orchestra, conducted by Inghelbrecht, and Two Choirs.
ROME (420.8 m.)—3.0 p.m.—Recital by Nathan Milstein (Violin) from the Academy of St. Cecilia.
SOTTENS (443.1 m.)—9.30-11.0 p.m.—Christmas Eve Concert from Lausanne Cathedral.
STRASBOURG (349.2 m.)—5.15-6.0 p.m.—Contralto, Harp and Oboe Recital of Old Carols and Instrumental Music.

FURTHER NUFFIELD GIFT TO OXFORD

£168,000 FOR DOMINION STUDENTS

The Registrar of Oxford University issued the following statement last night:—

"Lord Nuffield has offered to put at the disposal of the trustees appointed in connection with his gift of £2,000,000 to the University of Oxford for the purposes of the Medical School the sum of, approximately, £168,000, in order to provide more facilities for graduate students from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand to share the advantages of the Oxford school.

"During recent visits to those Dominions he has been much impressed by the flourishing condition of their medical schools, in spite of their remoteness from the great centres of research. But it seemed to him that a scheme would be valuable which would provide easier access to the Oxford school for selected graduate students.

"He has, therefore, offered to establish in Oxford three demonstratorships, to be held in turn in the departments of anatomy, biochemistry, pathology, pharmacology and physiology, and three assistantships in the departments of medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynæcology, anæsthetics, orthopædic surgery and therapeutics.

"These posts will be tenable for a fixed period by graduates eligible for or already holding research posts in those universities of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa which grant medical degrees. The holders will be selected in rotation by those universities. Payment will be made to the Oxford departments in which the visiting demonstrators and assistants work of a sum for apparatus and incidental expenses.

"Graduates from those Dominions will thus enjoy all the advantages of becoming for a time an integral part of the Oxford School. The University of Oxford will benefit by the presence of additional highly qualified workers, and the Dominions will benefit by their experience on their return.

"The scheme also contemplates the appointment from time to time by Oxford University of a visiting professor, who would tour the Dominions in order to give information in regard to research in Great Britain, and to gain information as to the needs of the Dominions."

Lord Nuffield is to sail for Australia immediately after Chrstmas, but his stay in that country will be a very short one. The chief object of his visit is to identify himself with the 150th anniversary celebrations, whch are to be held in Sydney during the first few months of 1938.

It is probable that his tour will include brief visits to New Zealand and Tasmania. He expects to return to England towards the end of April.

CHRISTMAS TREAT AT ST. KEVIN'S HOSPITAL

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Byrne, T.D., will attend the Christmas treat which he provides annually for the children and patients in St. Kevin's Hospital and Home, James's street. The children will be entertained on St. Stephen's Day and the adults on the 9th January next.

The members of the Board of Assistance, in co-operation with Dr. W. C. Dwyer, Resident Medical Superintendent; Dr. R. MacLaverty, R.M.O.; the Matron and Assistant Matron, and the Reverend Mother and Community of Sisters, assisted by Mr. R. Blackburne, have all arrangements completed.

The children will be treated to a "high" tea, with fruit, sweets, etc. Santa Claus will distribute a variety of toys from an illuminated Christmas Tree, which the Lord Mayor is also providing. A musical programme will follow, contributed solely by juveniles, and the Artane Boys' Band will play during the afternoon.

At the adults' party in January leading Dublin artistes, as well as Dublin variety and dance orchestra and visiting pantomime stars, have promised to contribute to the concert.

Bobby, thirty-year-old lioness, and mother of the entire family of lions in the Travancore "Zoo," is dead. Among her many children she also numbered over a score of performing lions in circuses all over the world. She was born in captivity in the "Zoo," and was of the pure African black-maned breed. It is believed that no other lioness has lived thirty years in captivity.

FOR ALL FESTIVE OCCASIONS
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IRISH WEDDINGS

CAPTAIN JAMES MURRAY, R.E., AND MISS E. C. BEALE

The wedding took place yesterday at St. Luke's Church, Cork, of Captain James Murray, Royal Engineers, son of the late Mr. James Murray, of 5 Salisbury road, Edinburgh, and of Mrs. Murray, and Miss Edith Caroline Beale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beale, Knockrea House, Douglas road, Cork.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. H. Pearson, H.C.F., who was assisted by the Rev. P. Brown, H.C.F., and Canon MacConnell. The church had been decorated with red-berried holly and chrysanthemums.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a graceful gown of white satin, embossed with tiny bells outlined in gold, over which she wore a short bolero coat. Her veil, which was of a lovely embroidered net, was arranged over a wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of harrissii lilies and white heather.

There were four bridesmaids—Miss Mai Beale, sister of the bride; Miss C. H. Newsom and Miss H. Wigham, cousins of the bride, and Miss Betty Dudgeon—who created a delightful Christmas effect in their long-waisted coats of green velvet over scarlet chiffon dresses, carrying velvet muffs trimmed with sprays of holly. Their head-dresses were of green leaves and scarlet berries.

Mr. John Lattibury, R.E., acted as best man, and the groomsmen in the church were Mr. J. M. Howe, R.E.; Mr. C. E. Chamied, R.E.; Mr. C. R. Newsom, and Mr. P. A. Cattell.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Knockrea House by the bride's mother, who wore a black and stamped velvet gown, with a hip-length coat and a purple hat.

During the afternoon Captain and Mrs. Murray left for India. The bride went away wearing a dress of smoke-blue Angora wool, with a short coat of the same shade, and a silver fox fur.

MR. W. S. McMEEKIN AND MISS K. M. THOMSON

The wedding took place at St. Donard's Church, Bloomfield, Belfast, on Friday afternoon of Miss Katharine Margaret Thomson, only daughter of Mr. T. A. F. Thomson and Mrs. Thomson, 18 Kirkliston Drive, Belfast, and Mr William Service McMeekin, a well-known member of Knock Rugby Club, and elder son of Mrs. McMeekin and the late Mr. J. McMeekin, Kenbawn, Upper Newtownards road, Belfast.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon A. Moore, C.F. assisted by the Rev. C. K. Hammond.

The bride wore a wedding dress of gold and silver angel skin and had as a bouquet a sheaf of harrissi lilies. Miss Kathleen Donnelly, niece of the bridegroom, was the little train-bearer and was dressed in embossed ivory taffeta with gold rope girdle, and carried a small Victorian posy. The Misses Eileen Wilson, Florence Connelly and Isobelle Dunn acted as bridesmaids, wearing gowns of cloth of gold, and carried Victorian posies.

Mr. H. D. McMeekin (Enniskillen), brother of the groom, was best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. J. W. McIlhaga, Mr J. W. McVeigh and Mr. A. R. McGlaughlin.

After the ceremony the guests were entertained by the bride's parents at the Grand Central Hotel. A leopard skin coat, worn over a moss-green tailored suit, with hat to match, was the going away ensemble of the bride. The honeymoon will be spent in Switzerland.

CAROL SERVICE AT TEMPLEMORE

On last Sunday afternoon a Carol Service was held in St. Mary's Church, Templemore, at which the preacher was the Rev. P. Colthurst, of Dundrum, County Tipperary, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Ossory. The choir was augmented for the occasion by some members of the Templederry (Killaloe) Parish Choir. In addition to many well-known carols, in the singing of which the congregation joined heartily, the beautiful anthem, "Goodwill To Men," by Edwin A. Clarke, was sung, the soloist being Mrs. R. J. H. Northridge. The Rev. C. R. Milligan's interpretation of Gourrod's "Nazareth" was very impressive, as was also Mrs. Lloyd's singing of "See Amid the Winter's Snow." Miss McBette took the solo part of the carol, "Come to the Manger" (Gatty and Waddington). The Service, which was very largely attended, concluded with the singing of the Doxology. Mr. R. J. H. Northridge, M.A., was at the organ.

One hundred and ninety dogs which guide blind people about Berlin have been the guests of a special Christmas party there. They were led by 190 schoolgirls into a large dance hall, in which there was a Christmas tree loaded with parcels and candles. Each dog received a present of dog biscuits or a warm coat, besides a big boiled ball of horse-flesh. Their masters sat at tables and polished off coffee and cake.

A CHANGE IN THE MENU

FINISHING WITH A SAVOURY

TIME was when the very idea of dinner without a good substantial pudding would have shocked materfamilias to the core of her being. But to-day, so popular are they with young and old alike, it is becoming more and more usual to serve a savoury, followed by dessert, in place of the old-time rice or sultana pudding.

I was reminded of this change that has taken place in popular taste when at a friend's house recently. Her small six years old son whispered to me confidentially before we went in to lunch: "I'm glad you came to-day, because we're going to have a 'toastie' instead of a pudding."

The "toastie" on this occasion proved to be herring roes with mushrooms on toast. I am giving the recipe below, together with a few other easy-to-make savouries that not only round off a meal satisfactorily, but are of real value from the point of view of nutrition.

Herring Roes and Mushrooms on Toast.—Allow 1 herring roe, 1 mushroom and 1 round of toast per person. Arrange a roe on each slice of toast, sprinkle with pepper and salt and lemon juice, and place in the oven for a few minutes. Serve with a baked or grilled mushroom on each.

Cheese Ramekins.—3 oz. grated cheese, 1 egg, 1 oz. flour, 1 teacupful milk, ½ teaspoonful mustard, salt and pepper.

Put flour in a basin, add the milk gradually, and whisk until smooth. Then add the egg, well beaten, the cheese and seasonings, and whisk again. Half fill small buttered ramekin cases or little individual dishes with the mixture; bake in a brisk oven until well risen and golden brown. Serve very hot. If liked, the mixture can be baked in pastry cases instead of in the ramekins.

FOR UNDER-EIGHTEENS

Mothers are being inundated just now with demands for party frocks by their young daughters, who probably hanker after something much too sophisticated for their years. Mother has tactfully to exercise restraint without making the girl feel that she is being dressed by the juvenile department. Fortunately, Dame Fashion is kind to the young girl just at the moment. The schoolgirl can wear the bouffant styles of the moment. Wide, swinging skirts of swirling taffeta and satin, drawn into a tiny waist, and a small gathered brassiere bodice, are youthful but exciting. The girl with attractive shoulders can wear this style very charmingly with two-inch shoulder straps, but her slimmer sister looks better with little puff sleeves. A picture frock in white net or cobwebby lace, sprinkled all over with little posies of sequins, which are so fashionable now, makes an attractive dance dress for the young girl. On her hair she can wear a bandeau of pearls or real flowers. Stud earrings are permissible, but long earrings should not be worn.

THE WIND AND THE RAIN

Women are much more inspired than men where wet weather fashions are concerned. The transparent raincoat will probably never be popular with men. This may be because milady is naturally glad to show her attractive form and latest frock beneath her rainwear, whereas a man prefers to hide his shabby suit beneath a still shabbier raincoat. This is why the raincoat is still a masculine "best seller," though tailors who try their best to improve the appearance of their customers encourage the wearing of proper overcoats for town wear because they make the wearer appear "better dressed." Both overcoats and raincoats are now made mostly without belts. The raglan cut is "the thing," and the fifty-shilling tailors, whose word in matters of fashion is based on the experience of clothing thousands of men in all parts of the country, say that many men are buying both overcoat and raincoat at the same time. The latter they purchase one size larger than normal, so that it can be worn over the overcoat when the weather demands protection from icy winds, as well as from rain. Quite a sensible idea!

SOME COIFFURE HINTS

Beautifully healthy, exquisitely dressed hair is the aim of every truly fashionable woman. Her make-up may be unexciting, her clothes a bit too much on the fussy side, but she usually will have a grand *coiffure*.

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Fringes are popular in Paris, whether because the English Queen wears one or because women think they are fetching we don't know. At any rate, the last-minute hair styles created by the French *coiffeurs* are all encouraging the fringe. Not the Hepburn fringe as we know it, but somewhat wispy bangs, usually rather tightly curled.

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For day wear there are a few women who affect the page boy *coiffure*, but short hair is more generally seen, and even those with long bobs have them curled up at night, even off the ears for a more regal effect.

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In the evening, when women wear tiaras, the smooth crown fashion is almost universally adopted, with the hair curled upwards at the back.

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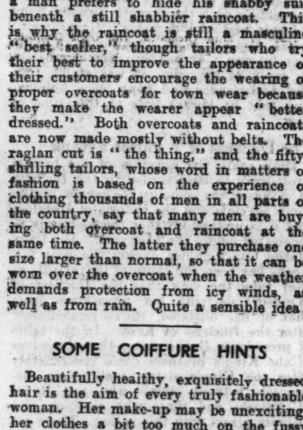
Ever and always the *coiffure* of distinction will be created for its wearer, and for her alone. There are no patterns, and what rules there are are made to be broken if artistic improvement warrants it. To have a smart hair style this season you must have a different one expertly executed.

NUGGET



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Of Interest to Women

PACKING AND POSTING

A "PRESENT" SHELF IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFEGUARD

If you are a wise woman you will by now have all your Christmas presents bought—and you will have set aside a "present shelf" in your wardrobe or a cupboard, not for the specially bought gifts, but for attractive trifles you have picked up here and there throughout the year, and especially in the last few weeks. The present shelf is a great psychological safeguard. When you unexpectedly get a peace offering from the aunt you quarrelled with in the summer, or find that some half-forgotten school friend has suddenly remembered your existence this Christmas, or that some new friend to whom you meant to send a card has forestalled you with a small gift. In all these emergencies you fly to the present shelf and find something suitable wherewith to return the compliment or peace offering.

There should be another shelf at this time of year for all the oddments that make packing parcels a pleasant occupation and not a nerve-racking emergency measure! You mustn't lose time about this. Remember there will be no postal deliveries on Christmas Day this year. Stock your shelf to-day with all the things you need for parcelling, then pack and post all in one go to-morrow.

PLENTY BROWN PAPER

You need plenty of strong brown paper for outer wrappings—and it's worth while buying some sheets, for the stock under the pantry shelf or behind the kitchen cupboard is sure to be raided by everyone else, and, anyway, fresh, uncrumpled paper looks much more attractive. The paper glazed on one side is better for resisting rain, I think, than the dark heavy brown paper. Then have two balls of string, one the good strong twine for heavy parcels, and one white for smaller ones (but don't let anyone else know you have these treasures till your parcelling is done!). Add coloured tissue paper, fancy tapes and ribbons glittering with tinsel threads, tiny gay labels, and real honest-to-goodness stick-on gummed labels for the outside—they are more likely to bring your gifts to their destination in the Christmas rush than tie-on labels or addresses awkwardly and illegibly written on brown paper. A good stock of fancy boxes will save you needless worry, and I never saw a more attractive variety of these at lower prices than this season. See that a good pair of scissors are on your shelf, with some sticks of sealing wax, a candle, matches and, above all, legible list of people and presents allotted to them. You will pride yourself on your forethought if you provide yourself also with a couple of sheets of stamps—a few minutes with the kitchen weighing scales will tell you the right number of stamps for each parcel, and save you the ghastly business of standing in the Post Office with parcels dropping all round the place while you try frantically to lick stamps and balance a big box on a six-inch ledge.

When it comes to the actual packing things worth remembering are: Calendars not backed with stiff cardboard should be posted in envelopes about an inch wider all round, face to face with a piece of cardboard exactly fitting the envelope; glass in picture frames travels most safely when packed in corrugated cardboard, because this gives a little when the parcels are piled on top; names and addresses should be printed in block capitals; if you have recently changed your address (and even if you have'nt), the recipient of your gift will be glad to find it on a card or label; books should have their corners and edges protected with a wrapping of corrugated cardboard; flowers (though it is best to have them packed by the florist) travel best when fairly tightly packed with plenty of tissue paper, otherwise they bend and break tossing inside a big box.

PACKING CEREMONY

Where there are children in the house it is doubly worth while to make something of a ceremony of packing presents. A wise mother of my acquaintance always does this, picturing the surprise it will be to Aunt Mary or Cousin Betty to read greeting labels, unwind gay papers, come on a pretty box, and then, at last, on the gift itself. The result is that the children have their imagination filled with appreciation of the trouble other people take in sending them presents, and express their delight spontaneously without any of the prompting that can be so painful to the donor!

Children, of course, seldom have many pennies to spend on presents—but they do take the keenest delight in surprising daddy or mother with something they have contrived themselves. I have seen mothers genuinely, not artificially, delighted with a postcard reproduction of a favourite picture, framed in *passe partout*, or a set of coat hangers, painted to match their bedroom furniture. Pipe-smoking fathers have been really pleased on receipt of a vast quantity of tolded paper spills, in al the colours of the rainbow. No matter how tiny the present, children should be encouraged to spend thought rather than money on it, even when giving presents among themselves. Brothers will generally show instant appreciation of sweets made by their sisters—chocolate fudge or toffee, for instance (and the making can be good fun), and small sisters will be delighted with a cigar-box, painted gold, having a gay picture pasted on the lid. Such a box has infinite possibilities as a receptacle for ribbons or pencils and other treasures.

AILEEN.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

CHRISTMAS LOG CAKE

[This recipe is given as being more appropriate than the promised one for crystallised fruits.]

Two eggs, 3 ozs. sugar, pinch of baking powder, 2 ozs. flour, 2 tablespoonfuls unsweetened full-cream condensed milk.

Prepare a Swiss roll tin by greasing with lard, and then dusting with a mixture of half-flour and half-castor sugar. Whisk the eggs and sugar until very thick and creamy. Add the milk, sift in the flour and baking powder, and mix lightly and quickly. Pour into the tin. Bake in a hot oven about 7 to 10 minutes. Have ready a paper dusted with castor sugar. Turn out the sponge cake quickly, spread with warm jam and roll up. Place on gauze to cool.

ICING.

Four ozs. fresh butter, 5 or 6 ozs. icing sugar, cocoa powder dissolved in boiling water, vanilla flavouring.

Beat up the butter with the sieved icing sugar until creamy. Dissolve some cocoa powder in a very little boiling water, and add to the creamed butter and sugar until the desired colour and flavour is obtained. Add a little vanilla essence. Pipe on to the sponge-roll in ridges resembling the rough bark of a tree. Sprinkle with desiccated cocoanut or icing sugar to resemble snow, and decorate with elves and sprigs of holly.

Next Week: SNOWBALLS.

IN SEARCH OF SILHOUETTE

SACRIFICES TO BE SMART

BY OUR PARIS CORRESPONDENT.

EXERCISE—god of the twentieth century! People take it in various forms, but they take it if they have any regard at all for that great cause to which we women sacrifice so much and so consistently—*la silhouette*. Certainly, the first step towards being well dressed is making sure that what goes underneath the clothes is in proper shape. City life and civilisation make exercise quite a problem. But there are ways, agreeable ways. You can ride in the Bois in the morning, looking evry snappy in rust-coloured breeches, and boots like ripe chestnuts. You can golf on any one of the lovely little links near Paris. You can, if you have the moral courage, swim in one of the indoor pools around town, though many people find aquatic sports decidedly out of place when the weather is chilly, as it is just now. I must say I sympathise. Then there is walking, of course, a primitive, yet most effective, form of exercise. Easy, too, most people can't avoid it. And this is where the poor have it over you pampered women of the limousines, the poor have to keep in shape, whether they want it or not.

In exercising, by the way, don't forget your face. Most important. You can indulge in face twisters at odd moments of the day, such as when riding in a taxi, even at the risk of frightening the driver into fits. Rolling the eyes, it appears, is especially beneficial. To most women the gesture comes naturally.

TO BE SLIM

The line is still straight, but there are all sorts of ruchings and godet, but nothing bulgy or clumsy. The flare is the great mode of the day. You must be as slim as a pencil as far as the knees, and then the most graceful little flare ends your skirt in the prettiest way a skirt can possibly end. To be slim is the great thing. How busy the diet doctors are and the corset-makers, not to forget the physical culturists, and all the rest of 'em. Life at the moment demands a sort of dress than can be worn from six o'clock until one goes to bed. Paris thinks it should have shortish skirts, and is festuring them. Paris wants a sharp division between dress before six and dress after, and women are going to get it in this way. Watch the giddy waistline! There is much juggling going on in this direction. It is frequently *directoire* for evening, normal for day, and a little below normal for afternoon. A scarlet belt that I saw on a black cloth dress was wide in the back, marking both a highish and a lowish waistline on account of its great width. In the front this turned into a twisted band, just about normal.

Hyacinth-blue is to be a great colour this season. It is going to be a great success, as a matter of fact. Women like the dark hyacinth shade so much that they are going to wear it. Somehow or other, most women can't bear any more black in the evening, and I think this replaces it very well. Dressmakers are going on with softly shiny surfaces. Not that they intend to abandon the crinkled materials, for it is too stupid to stop using a thing just because you have used it before.

Whispers concerning the trend of fashion for 1938 are interesting. Some women will be pleased to hear that shorter and tighter skirts will be our lot, if some of the Paris dressmakers get their own way. Many of the skirts seen recently reached only to about three inches below the knee, and, although many broke into loose pleats, some could scarcely have been tighter without crippling the wearers. However, those women who don't care for very short skirts can take comfort in the fact that Paris designers are not sure whether to go all out for these shorter skirts—which look so youthful that they will make anyone over thirty seem middle-aged—or to give us another chance to wear dresses of a more becoming length. While some obviously want to stick to wider skirts a little longer, others are anxious to cut out every scrap of superfluous material.

MATERIALS

The new evening fabrics help the dresses to be grand. It's a velvet year, you see, and velvet is no material for the modest violet. They are here in quantities. The new fine mat velvets, with their resemblance to suede, have found a warm welcome. Ribbed velvets appear, narrow ribs, wide ones, and two-coloured ribs. Shiny chiffon velvets are preferred to the new mat ones by some women. After velvets come the mat crepes, often with crinkly or crackly surfaces, the wrinkles of varying depths. Some of the big *couturières* are tired of the mat vogue and have reverted to shiny materials. Indeed, satins are seen in almost all collections, though the white satin evening uniform of last summer will not hold through this season. You remember that I mentioned in a former article the tentative return to stiff materials in the evening mode. There are enough velvets, stiff satins, failles, moires, and oven (though only here and there) lamé brocades, to justify this prediction.

The idea of the thin wool evening gown is not a new one; it has, in fact, been seen for many seasons. But it has been done in new ways now. There are a whole series of thin woollen voiles which can be worn on the hottest summer's day. Moulikasha in pale pastel tones continues to be used by some *couturières* for evening dresses, and broadcloth evening gowns are worn by those women who want to be a little "different." Then there's the new silk alpaca, the new silk crêpe, and the new silk étamine, and there's a thin crêpe with raised dots.

Among the new winter models seen here in Paris are some standing a foot high up and back from the face. These hats are not generally becoming. They are so very high, swept back so far, that they make the poor face beneath it look small and insignificant. The hat which seems to be on the crest of the wave this season is the large Scotch béret, turned up and back, instead of down.

For immediate wear the Highlands have inspired a Balmoral tam shown in *grosgrain* and a Glengarry cap in felt. Both are usually trimmed in two-toned *grosgrain*, featuring tartan colourings in harlequin effect.

The greatest favourites among the new hats are the halo hats, the Marie Stuart, Breton sailors and bérets, the Robin Hood, the Empress Eugénie, and the Glengarry, which we have just been talking about. The Juliette cap will be worn a good deal for evening wear. It's generally a mass of sequins, a mass of flowers, a mass of aigrettes, or just a simple little affair in velvet or pearl-embroidered suède.

HINTS THAT WILL HELP

Washing Up.—The first rule is: "Plenty of piping hot soapy water and soft, dry towels." The order of washing up is as follows:—

1. Glasses. Most important that no trace of grease should touch these. Don't turn tumblers upside down on the draining board, as this prevents the steam from escaping and makes the glasses harder to polish.
2. Silver. Dry this as soon as it is washed. It keeps bright so much longer if it isn't kept waiting. By the way, if your silver is not looking very bright, try rubbing it with a little dry mustard before washing it.
3. Cups and saucers.
4. Least greasy plates and dishes.
5. Greasy plates and dishes. If necessary wash these in two waters.
6. Knives. It is most important not to wash knives in too hot water, or the cement which fixes blades to handles will be dissolved.
7. Pots and pans. A good pan scourer is a great help. A burnt pan, provided it is not made of aluminium, can be cleaned by filling with water, adding a handful of soda and boiling up. Try to arrange for your pan shelf where there is a good current of air so that your pans will dry quickly.

"CHOCOLATE COOKERY"

"Chocolate Cookery" is the title of an attractively produced booklet containing over a hundred tested recipes, which has just been issued by Messrs. Fry-Cadbury (Ireland), Ltd. "If for no other reason that that chocolate and cocoa are highly nutritious articles of food," writes Mrs. D. D. Cottington-Taylor, Director of the Good Housekeeping Institute, who has compiled this book, "they should be included fairly frequently in the daily menu." Certainly this little book suggests a wide variety of ways in which they can be included.

The Price is One Shilling.

OUTDOOR JEWELLERY

No outdoor ensemble is complete without its accompanying jewellery. Tweeds carry a fashionable fob-watch in some original design, such as a bell, a dice, a miniature telephone, a walnut, or a tiny watch enclosed in a circular disc of crystal. Slit pockets may carry two large gold clips in a scroll design. Plain gold ear-rings or pale tinted pearl studs are worn with tweeds. With town coats heavy gold link bracelets and wide bangles of Victorian silver match silver buttons or a silver handbag frame. A high choker necklace of gold mesh shows above the neckline of a fur-trimmed suit, and a matching bracelet is worn over the glove. From a gold bracelet is suspended a crystal ball, containing a portrait of the wearer. Sports clothes have jewellery all their own. Bracelets of rolled leather carry the wearer's initials in gold, and a leather belt has a watch suspended from the buckle.

PARTY FASHIONS

Christmas and the New Year is a time for gay informal gatherings and family parties, calling for simple, yet exciting clothes. The smart woman is choosing vivid blouses and jackets that can be worn either over an ankle-length or a calf-length black skirt. They are made from glamorous gold and silver lame, sparkling sequin cloth, vivid velvets and crisp taffetas. Others are fashioned from net and stiffened lace, or from delicately ruched and tucked chiffon in brilliant jewel colours. Sleeves are mostly the new "bracelet" length, ending in a draped or ruched line a few inches below the elbow and leaving most of the forearm bare. The newest "informal" jewellery is a bracelet matching a hair clip in diamonds, pearls or coloured gems or some novel design of plain beaten gold. Often jewel "sets" are of semi-precious stones set in gold and forming sprays of flowers.

QUICK-CHANGE WOMEN

Quick-change transformations are a feature of the latest fashions. The fashionable woman does not only change her clothes. Her whole personality varies with the time and with her mood. In the morning she will be neatly tailored. Subtle accessories will provide contrast, yet not too obviously. Her perfume will be remote, with a faint and tantalising freshness. "Tweed" and "Bracken" are the names of two of these special morning scents. She will be charmingly sophisticated to the ends of her unvarnished, but polished, finger-tips. In the afternoon her mood will change completely. A demure little bonnet hat will set off her curled Edwardian fringe. Puffed sleeves in delicately patterned crêpe-de-Chine on a black ground under a black coat, with a Peter Pan or Eton collar of flat black fur held together by a bow of rolled fabric, will complete her "fif'-o'clock ensemble." Her nails will glow with a warm pink to match her cheeks. For the evening she will be sculptured and statuesque in a draped dress of supple lamé or rich slipper satin. Diamonds and rubies and sapphires will cluster round her throat, and a regal tiara-like head-dress will crown her classic curls. Slightly aloof and very intriguing will be her cool cyclamen make-up. Then home to bed, when she becomes feminine and alluring in a frilled Empire nightdress of filmy chiffon, held under the bust with coy velvet or satin ribbons.

Halo hats are rarely seen in Paris. Most of the hats dip down over the right ear and reveal the curled hair in back.

The Monument Creameries

wish to thank their many customers, both Town and Country for their past support, and to wish them a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

DUBLIN.

THE CHEMISTS OF DUBLIN

RECOLLECTIONS OF 50 YEARS AGO

DRUGS IN USE THEN NOW UNHEARD OF

Tuppence worth of hiky-piky,
Half a dozen leeches, at sixpence each;
One packet of lip salve (pink),
One pot of rouge, and
One ounce of anti-fat.

That is an order which "Paddy" Creamer might have noticed when he entered the employment of Messrs. J. J. Graham and Co., 30 Westmoreland street, in the 'Eighties. There may not have been a demand for all these articles in the one order, but, at any rate, he could have supplied them for they were in stock.

Paddy, or to give him his full name, Patrick Joseph Creamer, became storeman or shop assistant to the Graham firm fifty years ago. He had been learning colour-printing until he was 16 years of age, but one day his doctor said: "Would you rather be a colour printer and die young or a scavenger and live to seventy?" Mr. Creamer decided on the alternative, and while he took to distributing handbills instead of scavenging, a year later he found a post at Graham's in helping his uncle, who had been attached to the firm for fifty years. Now at the age of sixty-seven Paddy knows as much (indeed, a lot more) about drugs as any qualified chemist.

THEN AND NOW

When he first entered the business the chemist shop was a very different place from what it is to-day. There were innumerable penny lines, and drugs which are almost unheard of to-day were in great demand. The shops used to open at 7 o'clock in the morning and close at 11.15 at night. Most of the chemists lived indoors, and generally were students at one or other of the medical colleges in the city, from which they subsequently qualified as doctors. For example, there was the Ledwidge School of Medicine in Cecilia street and the School of Anatomy in Aungier street. Dr. Graham, and later Dr. Walsh, who took over the business, made arrangements for the students to attend these schools to carry on their studies.

The assistants used to live in the rooms above the shop. One of them had a bell, which was operated from the front door, near his bed, and could attend to urgent cases during the night.

Discussing the articles that used to be sold by chemists, Mr. Creamer said: "In the old days we used to keep a big jar containing between a hundred and two hundred leeches—eel-shaped creatures that were imported from Germany. Only the female was used. If a person suffered from a contusion the leech was prescribed. It was confined into a little glass tube, and the head, which appeared at one end, was placed on the bruise. The leech stayed on until it had sucked away the congealed blood, and then, bloated and satiated, it fell off. I have seen a man suffering from a liver complaint with no less than eight leeches stuck to his side. They used to sell at sixpence each. We had pieces of rock at the bottom of the jar to keep them clean. It sometimes happened that leeches were returned to us with the complaint that they would not do their work. The explanation was that they were not sufficiently hungry, and we used to give them a preparation to stimulate their appetites."

SLIMMING NOT NEW

In the latter part of the last century there was no such thing as lipstick. Instead the women used what was known as a lip salve, the purpose of which was to keep the lips soft and prevent them cracking during the winter time. There was a considerable demand for rouge, which was available in different shades to suit different complexions and for different lights. For example, in the glare of artificial lights green effects were sometimes used, while the daylight necessitated little touches under the eyes and chin.

People were just as keen on slimming then as they are to-day, and the chemists brought out preparations which were used extensively by the obese. There was a preparation known as anti-fat, made from seaweed, which was used internally, and amiral soap, purchased in tablets, for the bath.

A large number of preparations were made from linseed meal, other popular articles being heirapica (hiky-piky), a purgative, Soules' hop bitters, Graham's cough drops, and the Bishop of Galway's cure for sciatica. Before the 1916 Rising there had been a great demand for milk tablets.

The chemist's shop was used more than it is to-day by people suffering from complaints. It was a usual thing for people to come in and drink senna tea or castor oil or to have wounds dressed. Nowadays people rush to their doctor or the hospitals.

THE FIRE OF 1891

Mr. Creamer then began to talk of his experiences. That which stands out most vividly in his mind was the big fire in the shop in 1891, through which two people met their deaths.

"The top portion of the building," he said, "was used by the members of the staff, who were looked after by a housekeeper and a cook. On this particular night the alarm was given, and one of the assistants ran into the offices of the *Irish Times*, from which the Fire Brigade was summoned. The fire broke out two floors from the top of the building, and when the brigade arrived one of the firemen went up the fire escape to rescue the housekeeper, who was trapped in the burning building. Having succoured the housekeeper, and left her in the *Irish Times* office, another member of the brigade, named Burke, rushed up to bring down the cook. This woman was very heavy, and when the fireman had taken her about half way down the ladder another member of the brigade went up to help him. The weight of the two men and the woman was too much for the fire escape, which had been placed at a wide angle against the building, and the result was that the ladder broke and the three fell to the ground. The woman landed on top of Burke, who was killed outright, while the other man lingered for a day or so in hospital.

THE CITY CHEMISTS

Although he has an extensive knowledge of drugs Mr. Creamer does not make up prescriptions. He prepares many commodities under the supervision of a qualified chemist. He has been doing this for years. Before the advent of the famous perfume manufacturers he used to blend perfumes. He actually helped in the preparation of "Erin's Tears," a brand which was used by a former Queen of Roumania during a visit to this country.

The chemists of Dublin had a really fine record as far as prescriptions were concerned. He had never heard of any serious mistake having been made.

In conclusion Mr. Creamer paid a tribute to Dr. Graham, by whom he was engaged; his successor, Dr. Walsh, and the present proprietor of the firm, Dr. Shirley Walsh, as well as to the chemists who had worked in the shop since he entered it fifty years ago.

PRESENTATION TO MR. CREAMER

Mr. Creamer was the guest at supper in the Red Bank Restaurant last night, when he was presented with a suitably inscribed gold watch by Mr. J. S. Walsh, managing director. Messrs. J. J. Graham, and a pocket wallet by Mr. W. Batty, senior member of the staff.

Those present included:—Mr. N. E. Sutton, director; Mr. T. D. Humphries, secretary; Mr. E. M. Ryan. Mr. T. E. Dolan and Mr. P. T. Ryan.

DUNDALK PORT COMPLAINT

STEAMER WAS LEFT WAITING

CAPTAIN WHO SOUGHT A PILOT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDALK, Wednesday.

Allegations that the captain of a steamship, after failing to get a pilot by signalling, had to bring a boat off his steamer and go to Gyles quay, where he found a pilot, were made at Dundalk Harbour Board to-day.

The captain of the steamship Anna reported that he arrived at Gyles quay pilot station at 3.45 a.m. on Monday, and kept signalling for a pilot unsuccessfully until 7 o'clock. It was then daylight, and he flew his pilot flag, but no pilot came out. He went to Gyles quay, where he found a pilot and got his steamer into Dundalk twelve hours late.

Messrs. Connick, coal importers, wrote that the delay meant the loss of 24 hours in the discharge of the vessel, and was very serious. It seemed that the old system whereby the first pilot to board the boat should get the pilotage would have to be reverted to in order to stop complaints and delays, which were getting the port a bad name.

The Chairman (Mr. T. F. McGahon) said that it was a shocking state of affairs that a captain had to leave his boat and go ashore to bring a pilot to his ship. The Harbour Master had asked for an explanation from the outside pilots, and he had not got it.

"Unless there is a satisfactory explanation of this incident," added the Chairman, "it is the duty of the Board to sack all these people and to get others who will do the work. Under the old system there was plenty of competition. Now they pool the money and apparently there is no competition."

The pilots concerned were ordered to attend a special meeting of the Board.

THE TITLE IN IRISH

NEW NAMES FOR MINISTERS

On and after the coming into operation of the new Constitution new and amended forms of title in Irish of certain Ministers and officials of the Government will (writes an *Irish Times* correspondent) be introduced to replace those at present in use. Certain abbreviations employed in the spelling of Irish names and phrases are apparently not looked upon in Gaelic-speaking circles as "good Irish," and some of the in use for several years past disappear from the new titles referred to below, which have been announced and approved by the Government:—

Aire Airgid (Minister for Finance) becomes An tAire Airgeadais.

Aire Dli agus Cirt (Minister for Justice) becomes An tAire Dlighidh agus Cirt.

Aire Rialtais Aitiúla agus Sláinte Puibli (Minister for Local Government and Public Health) becomes An tAire Riaghaltais Aiteamhail agus Sláinte Poiblidhe.

Aire Gnothai Coigriche (Minister for External Affairs) becomes An tAire Gnóthai Eachtracha.

Aire Talmhaiochta (Minister for Agriculture) becomes An tAire Talmhaidheachta.

The Irish title of the Attorney-General will in future be "An tArd Aighne."

CHRISTMAS RUSH IN POST OFFICE

DUBLIN'S MAIL HEAVIEST FOR YEARS

Judging by the experience of the Post Office authorities during the present week, the volume of mail handled in the Free State this Christmas will be heavier than it has been for a number of Christmases. Yesterday was the heaviest day in Dublin for years.

A noticeable increase in the number of letters from cross-Channel centres is helping to swell the deliveries, and, of course, the fact that there will be no post on Christmas Day has tended to keep the Post Office staffs busier. Evidently the public has taken note of the appeal to post early this year, for the postal returns in respect of any day this week are considerably larger than on corresponding days last year.

Fifty thousand letters and almost one thousand registered packets were handled in Dublin yesterday on delivery from Southampton, where they had been discharged by the Europa from America, and the Dublin Post Office staffs were working at top speed last night to ensure expeditious delivery.

It was stated in the sorting office in Pearse street, Dublin, last night, that the weight of mail handled there yesterday was considerably heavier than that of the 22nd December last year.

"Cross-Channel and Northern Ireland mail is heavier," said an official.

Roughly, 600,000 letters and packets were handled in the Dublin Sorting Office on Tuesday, and a considerably larger number yesterday.

His income is £100, his rent is £140, he has bought £112 worth of cigars, etc., and there is no possibility of him paying until someone dies, said Judge Sir Mordaunt Snagge at Westminster County Court, summing up the position of a man sued for a debt of £97-odd for goods supplied.

DUBLIN NEEDS WATER

HOUSING PLANS MAKE PROBLEM

LOW PRESSURE COMPLAINT

"WATER is in as great a muddle as the traffic regulations," said Mr. T. Morgan Good to an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday, when he was questioned in regard to a statement that he had made at a recent meeting of the Dublin County Council.

On that occasion Mr. Good had spoken of the scarcity of water for housing schemes. Yesterday he endorsed all that he had said at the County Council meeting. Building schemes, he said, had been held up through inadequate supplies of water. He was referring to schemes in County Dublin.

At the County Council meeting Mr. Good had stated that the Poulaphouca scheme would not be in operation for six years. Yesterday our reporter was informed that the scheme would be in operation by 1940, and that Mr. Good's statement was "quite untrue." When told of this Mr. Good said: "Then tell the people they are going to get water in two or three years."

"DELAYED TOO LONG"

He complained that the Poulaphouca scheme had been delayed too long, and urged that it should now be tackled in a big way. The people responsible should look ahead, and see that the pipes laid would be adequate to bring the amount of water to the city that would be required in the future.

What was the use of building houses if there was no water for them? The pipes from Roundwood were so small and so choked that they could not carry the available water to the city. They had been laid so long ago that he was afraid percolation was taking place.

According to Mr. Good, people living in the higher regions around Dublin, at Dun Laoghaire and Dalkey, were suffering through lack of adequate pressure of water.

In answer to Mr. Good's remarks at the County Council it was stated that there was no shortage of water in the city areas. The Corporation were refusing to supply water outside their statutory area, because the requirements of the city must have prior consideration. When the Poulaphouca scheme was in operation, however, they would have enough to supply all the requirements of those in the county.

FOR NOMINATION TO THE SENATE

CORK MAN WHO IS NOT A "POLITICIAN"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. O'Kelly, of 2 Woodhill Villas, Tivoli, Cork, for many years Great Western Railway agent at Cork, and a member of the Cork Chamber of Commerce, has been unanimously selected by the Cork Chamber of Commerce for nomination in the Senate election.

In a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the Irish Free State, Mr. Dermot Fordes-Nagle, President of the Cork Chamber, states that Mr. O'Kelly has been selected on account of his wide knowledge of transport and his 35 years' work in developing the export of Irish produce to the English markets from the South and West of Ireland. He is at liberty to give his whole time to the work of the Seanad if elected, and is not a politician.

Mr. O'Kelly, who joined the Great Western Railway service in Limerick in 1886, was transferred to Paddington in 1892, was appointed district agent in Limerick in 1914, later became district agent in Cork, and took over the joint management of the Great Western and London, Midland and Scottish Railways in the South of Ireland in 1935.

Mr. O'Kelly was one of the original founders of the Irish Tourist Association with the late Mr. J. C. Foley, LL.D.

DONEGAL TYPHOID DEATH

Another death from typhoid fever occurred at Donegal Mental Hospital yesterday, bringing the death roll from the epidemic to eight. No fresh cases have been reported, and the other patients are doing well.

The British Home Secretary told a deputation from the T.U.C. General Council that he recognised that certain amendments in the Workmen's Compensation Acts were required. Though he could not give any undertaking as to when legislation might be possible, he would be glad to have further discussions on the subject with the General Council.

WHOLE FAMILY WITH INDIGESTION

Suffered Whatever They Ate

A mother writes:—'Myself and family of four all suffered from acidity, pains in the back, and indigestion. I suffered, whatever I ate. But since we have taken Kruschen we can eat anything. We never have a trace of acidity or pain now. It is wonderful—it has no upsetting results. Whatever we may have to go without, we could not give up Kruschen.'—(Mrs.) M.K.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 to 1925.

ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

The Dublin Port and Docks Board hereby give Notice:—

1.—That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and THREE SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1938, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2.—Each candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

3.—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate, with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' MEMBER" or as a "SHIPPING MEMBER," and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form or to like effect:

NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
To be held on TUESDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1938.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors hereby nominate the following Person as a Candidate:—

Surname.	Other names.	Abode or place of Business.	Description.
Smith.	William Henry.	100 City Quay.	Timber Merchant

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a * Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones.	360
James Robinson.	80

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of 19 .
Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.

4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5.—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his proposer and Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same, at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 1st day of January, 1938.

6.—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT and DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1938, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7.—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.

E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin.
Dated this 23rd day of December, 1937.

REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (IRELAND) ACT, 1904.
INTOXICATING LIQUORS ACTS, 1927.
DISTRICT COURT AREA OF DUBLIN NO. 31.
Take Notice that I intend to Apply for a Renewal of the Certificate of Registration of the Railway and Steampacket Athletic and Social Union, Willow Lodge, Park avenue, Sandymount, Dublin.
Dated this 23rd day of December, 1937
W. J. LINNEY,
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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
SARAH O'DONNELL, late of 56 Northumberland road, Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons having any claims against the estate of the above deceased, who died on the 30th day of July, 1937, are hereby required, on or before the 5th day of February, 1938, to furnish particulars (in writing) of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry on the 27th day of November, 1937.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 5th day of February, 1938, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which particulars shall have been furnished as above required.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1937.
GEORGE D. FOTTRELL & SONS, Solicitors for Executors, 46 Fleet street, Dublin.

Advertisement for Creditors and Incumbrancers.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.
Made in the Matter of the Estate of
BRIDGET WADE, Deceased,
WILLIAM HARMON, Plaintiff.
THOMAS A. FINUCANE, Defendant.

the Creditors of the said Bridget Wade, late of 44 East Arran street, Dublin, Widow, who died in or about the month of March, 1932, are, on or before the 22nd day of January, 1938, to send by post, prepaid, to Messrs. Vincent and Beatty, of 62/63 Dame street, Dublin, the Solicitors for the Defendant, Thomas A. Finucane, the Executor of the Will of the deceased, the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, and all persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting the Freehold Registered Land or Real Estate of the said Bridget Wade, deceased, are to enter and prove their claims at the Central Office of the High Court of Justice, Four Courts, Dublin, on or before the said 22nd day of January, 1938, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every creditor or claimant holding any security is to produce the same at the Examiner's Office, of the said Court on the 4th day of February, 1938, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated the 17th day of December, 1937.
THOMAS E. B. ADDERLEY, Examiner.

IN THE GOODS OF
JULIA BEGLEY, late of Corner House, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Spinster, and General Merchant.

All persons having claims against the estate of above Deceased who died on the 16th December, 1937, are requested to furnish particulars of same to the undermentioned Solicitor for the Executors.

EDWARD FITZGERALD, 42/3 Stephen's Green, Dublin, and Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo.

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The Irish Times

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1937.

NEWS SUMMARY

IRELAND

The Labour member's minority report of the Committee of Inquiry into ministerial and other salaries is published to-day.—(Page 8.)

The Committee which was recently appointed to consider the allowances of members of the Dail and the new Senate does not recommend any increase in the present payment of £30 a month to deputies, but suggests that £20 a month (instead of £30 paid formerly) should be given to members of the Senate when it is set up.—(Page 7.)

A preliminary meeting was held yesterday to plan a Civic Week for Belfast next year.—(Page 8.)

The British Labour Party has agreed to assist the Northern Ireland Labour Party with orators and funds in the forthcoming elections.—(Page 11.)

GREAT BRITAIN

Four young men, all well connected, and two of them, at least, ex-public schoolboys, were charged in London last night with robbery with violence following the £15,000 jewel robbery in a West End hotel some days ago.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD

President Roosevelt yesterday received Vice-Admiral W. D. Leahy, Commander of the United States Battle Force, at the White House. The Vice-Admiral talked with the President for half-an-hour, but the nature of the discussion is not disclosed.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were less active, but the recent firm tone was well maintained. There were some good features among Industrials, but Mining shares lacked support and lost ground.—(Page 3.)

Gold was 1d. lower at 139s. 8d. per oz., and £587,000 of the metal was disposed of. Silver prices further receded on some selling.—(Page 3.)

Dublin Market continued on holiday lines, and price changes were generally small. Home Funds inclined easier, and in Rails Great Southern Pref. fell 1½ points.—(Page 3.)

Servants of the State

Parliament is sovereign, but sovereignty is not divided among individual deputies. They are servants of the State, ultimately servants of the people, and, as such, they deserve adequate remuneration for their services. There is a notion abroad that, because members of the British House of Commons in recent times received an allowance for their services only since 1911, the practice of payment of legislators is an innovation somehow associated with the extension of the franchise, and with the election of less wealthy men to the House of Commons. Payment of members of Parliament is, in fact, a very old institution, probably as old as Parliament itself. In the olden days a member of Parliament received at the close of each session a warrant setting out the length of attendance, and this warrant entitled him to receive payment at a daily rate from the county or the borough which he represented. This system of payment fell into disuse during the 17th century; the last recorded instance of its use was about the year 1650. For nearly two hundred years members of the House of Commons received no allowance of any kind, but about the second half of last century the idea of payment of legislators was revived, and with the election of different types of representatives in all countries, which extensions of the franchise made possible, the idea received a great body of support. Payment of legislators was adopted in the United States, France, and the British Colonial Parliaments, and when a movement was made in Great Britain itself it emerged triumphantly in 1911, when members of the House of Commons were allotted £400 a year. This sum was increased during the present year, but it may be doubted whether even the increased rate is sufficient to cover the expenses of residence in London during the greater part of every year. With familiarity the idea of payment of members of Parliament has developed slowly from its original acceptance as an allowance for expenses, to be regarded nowadays as a salary for services rendered. Where the line might be drawn to differentiate an allowance from a salary it might be difficult to suggest, but one rough and ready test would be whether the recipient had other sources of income, and did not depend for livelihood upon a parliamentary allowance.

This was one of the difficulties which confronted the committee which has been considering the allowances to be made to the members of the Dáil and to prospective Senators. It is freely admitted that membership of a parliament to-day is a whole-time job, although electors in *Saorstát Eireann* may be forgiven if they fail to regard a single day every week as a full-time occupation. It also might be admitted that the tenure of a seat in Dáil or Senate must necessarily entail some financial loss, and that some compensation should be made for this sacrifice. Another aspect of the subject, however, remains to be considered. Service in a modern parliament needs more than time; It needs expert knowledge and assiduous attention. If the potential legislator must give all his time and attention to the service of the State, as he must, there is nothing to be said against the acceptance of a salary for professional attendance. The trouble, of course, arises from the fact that the legislator is not called upon to demonstrate either aptitude or capacity, and that election may be achieved without qualification or preliminary test. If parliament is to be a career, carrying with it the full means of livelihood, there must be, sooner or later, some preliminary declaration of fitness for the work. It is obviously incompatible with the growing complexity of government that criticism of policy and administration should be left, for the most part, in the hands of people whose only training for the task has been something vaguely called "a national record" or loyalty to a particular party or personality. One person who gave evidence to the Committee "did not think it wise to make a deputy's position attractive financially," and the Committee has accepted that advice. The parliamentary allowance should be sufficient to recoup personal loss, or to maintain a deputy who has no private means in, at least, the standard of life to which he may be accustomed. What it should not be permitted to do is to insure the deputy against what may be entitled consequential losses in any other business or profession. The payment made to Deputies is intended to be an allowance; when it becomes the sole means of livelihood a different standard of competence and attendance must be applied.

When *Saorstát Eireann* came into being payment of legislators was accepted without question because it had become the general practice in all democratically governed countries. It is accepted without question to-day, but it has to be pointed out that for nearly fifty years Ireland was splendidly represented at Westminster by groups of men who never received a penny from the British Parliament for their services there. We are in complete agreement with Dr. Shanley and the members of his Committee when they recommend the continuance of the allowance to deputies at the present rate of £360 a year. We are of the opinion that £30 a month, which is roughly £1 a day, should compensate deputies for such personal losses as they may sustain by attendance on the national interests. Fancy schemes for increasing the amounts at present allotted to travelling expenses have been, rightly, ignored; but there still may be a case to be made for postal conveniences to the occupants of the Opposition Front Bench. As a tentative suggestion, made before there has been any indication of the amount of work which they will be called upon to do, the £240 a year recommended for Senators should commend itself to the favourable consideration of the Government. When more is known about the activities of the new Senate it will be time enough to bring the allowances of Senators up to the level of deputies. The Committee had to guard against the possible use of allowances to deputies and Senators as subventions in aid of party funds, and it seems to have been fully cognisant of that danger. There is one point upon which the Committee might have been more generous, although it might have been regarded as somewhat outside the terms of reference. The leaders of the Opposition might have the service of a trained secretariat to assist them in their difficult task: as things are at present all the heavy artillery is at the disposal of the Government. An allowance of this kind hardly could be regarded as open to misuse or abuse in any party sense. It would go, on the contrary, a long way towards making the work of the Opposition more valuable to the State and more effective in the normal work of the Dáil.

The Post Office

Once again we commend to Mr. Oscar Traynor the fruitful example of the British Post Office. A statement, just issued, shows that during the year ending last March its transactions with the public totalled nearly £962,200,000, which was an increase of some £61,000,000 over the previous year's figure. Almost every class of Post Office business showed an increase of vigour. No fewer than 7,700,000,000 letters, postcards and the like were handled; 174,000,000 parcels passed through His Majesty's mails; and—in startling contrast to the position in Ireland—the number of inland telegrams that were despatched during the year amounted to 49,250,000, as compared with 44,500,000 in the previous twelve months. Our chief interest, however, is reserved for the telephone traffic. During the last few years, as a result of the G.P.O.'s liberal outlook, this traffic has grown in the most remarkable fashion. Its growth was maintained during the year under review, when 248,000 new instruments were installed, bringing the total number in use throughout the United Kingdom up to 2,827,000. May we remind Mr. Traynor that this single year's increase of 248,000 telephones is approximately ten times the total number of instruments in the twenty-six counties of Ireland? Surely it would be well worth his while to emulate this admirable British policy. Ireland is lamentably backward in the use of the telephone, and the fault, so far as we can see, is due entirely to the lack of vision of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. It is not so much that the charges *per* call are unduly high as that a prohibitive rental is demanded, and that little or no effort is made to cater for districts outside the immediate area of a main exchange. Certainly the Department has shown signs of a wider outlook during the last year or two; it has done much, for example, for users of the trunk service. Yet there is nothing to suggest that it has been infected with the "forward" spirit of the British Post Office. As a result of the very generous concessions made to subscribers across the Channel—who are allowed, for example, so many free calls every quarter—so greatly has the service expanded that the Post Office can look forward to a notable increase in revenue; but the Free State Department seems reluctant to improve its services even for the sake of added prosperity. It is very regrettable that a Department which exists for the welfare of the people at large—both as users and as taxpayers—should be so blind to the need of self-improvement. We do not know who is responsible for the making of Post Office policy in the Free State—whether the Minister himself or the Secretary to the Department—but whoever it is seems to be lacking sadly in imagination.

Christmas Week

It is difficult to realise that Christmas is only forty-eight hours off; yet the shortest day already is well behind us, and the condition of the average man's pocket reminds him that the festive season, as cynics are pleased to call it, is upon us. From the point of view of Dublin's citizens, Christmas this year will be distinguished by two things. One is the fact that there will be no delivery of letters on Christmas Day, and the other is that the new traffic regulations have been brought into force during Christmas Week. We are in hearty sympathy with the decision of the postal authorities to suspend Christmas Day services because it will give the hard-worked postmen a well-earned rest on a day when virtually all other members of the community are making merry. Yet it will mark a breach with a very old tradition; and we wonder whether, on the whole, the postmen themselves will like it. One of the pleasantest features of Christmas-tide is—or has been—the postman's knock on Christmas morning. It represents for the older generation the element of surprise that is provided for the children by the sight of their well-filled stockings at the end of the bed. Furthermore, the sight of the postman on his rounds on Christmas morning touches the meanest heart. On that day, of all days of the year, everybody is generous, and which of us is so thoughtless as to "forget" the man who brings us so much happiness? We hope sincerely that the anti-climax of postal deliveries on Monday will not prevent the public from making its usual contribution to the postman's meagre income. Most citizens would be surprised if they knew how little the postman earns; and the yearly "tip," however small, means quite a lot to him. As to the new traffic regulations, possibly the less said the better. We do not know yet how they have affected traders in the city of Dublin, but we do know how they have affected motorists. Whoever decided to start the new dispensation in Christmas Week must have had an impish sense of humour. The unfortunate policemen who have been charged with the task of preventing complete chaos in the streets have our heartfelt sympathy. They will not have even the postmen's brief respite, and they certainly will not get the postmen's Christmas boxes. Everybody must admire their cheerful patience; if the new traffic regulations prove to be a "flop," it certainly will not be their fault.

Bumps on the Brain

A novel approach to the mysteries of the brain has been devised by the Burden Mental Research Trust—an organisation which operates in England. It is distinguished by its directness. Up till now the prevailing method has been to corral the possessor of the brain for examination, and to ask him one hundred questions about his past life, his reaction to dogs with squints, the more private ambitions of his single aunts; and to interrogate him upon a variety of similar, and apparently equally also irrelevant, matters. By his answers did the psychiatrists know him. The more cynical patient also may have been having a lark at the expense of the psychiatrists. To obviate this nuisance—or perhaps we take too much upon ourselves—the Burden Mental Research Trust proposes actually to make a collection of 130 defective brains and 90 normal ones. The brains will have been removed from the cadavers of their former owners. It is true that the Trust will align itself with the old hit-and-miss methods by examining 3,400 school children—alive—and by the compilation of records from 1,000 inmates of the Stoke Park Mental Colony in Bristol, but the main bulk of its labours will be concerned with the tissue differences in the higher centres of the brain. This attack upon the bed-rock is extremely attractive. We have no desire to belittle the work of the psycho-analysts, but we cannot help feeling that the motor mechanic who merely listens to the noise of an engine is in a more vulnerable position in his diagnosis than the man who takes the engine to pieces and then begins to think. The latter has fact as his assistant. The Burden Trust, then, will have 220 brains in pickle before them; and, with the life stories of their former owners as a direction, they will be able to ascertain how a lump north-east made a financier of an honest man, and how a lack of tissue to the west produced a six-day bicycle rider where mother and father had intended a prelate. Unhappily, there is a somewhat outstanding flaw in the scheme, if it is to be aimed at the production of a genius per birth. One can tell, after his death, why a man has not been a genius; but while he is living he must of necessity keep the configuration of his brain to himself.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Inference.—A deep depression is centred near Iceland, and a low pressure trough over Ireland is moving slowly east. It will be mild and close, with occasional drizzle in many districts of England. In Northern England and Wales there will be some more general rain, while in Scotland and Ireland there will be occasional showers.

Ireland.—Moderate south-west winds, falling light later; cloudy and bright periods; occasional showers at first; rather mild.

Sea Passages.—Moderate south-westerly winds, fresh locally cloudy or dull; occasional rain; local fog at first; sea moderate.

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THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.39	8.39
Sets	4. 9	4. 9
Lighting-up Time	4.39	4.39

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Morning	3.13	4.10
Evening	3.35	4.34

DEATHS.

CHAMBERS—December 22, 1937, at the residence of her daughter, 25 Fair street, Drogheda, Mary Elizabeth, widow of the late William Chambers, M.R.C.V.S. Deeply regretted. Funeral private.

KYLE—December 23, 1937, at 4 Frankfort avenue, Rathgar, William Kyle, Divisional Inspector of Schools (retired). Funeral strictly private.

COURT AND PERSONAL

FROM THE *COURT CIRCULAR.*
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Wednesday.

The King and Queen, with the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret, attended by the Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Bowlby, Sir Eric Mieville and Commander Charles Lambe, R.N., left the palace this afternoon for Sandringham.

Queen Mary, attended by the Lady Constance Milnes-Gaskell, accompanied Their Majesties to Sandringham.

The Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn have arrived at Baron's Court, County Tyrone, from London.

The Earl and Countess of Denbigh will spend Christmas at Lane End, Sunningdale.

The Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery will spend Christmas with the Marquess and Marchioness of Anglesey at Plas Newydd, Anglesey.

The Earl and Countess of Cromer have arrived at Eton College, where they are spending Christmas with their daughter, Lady Rosemary Hills, and Lieutenant-Colonel John Hills. Afterwards they will go to Somerset.

Viscount and Viscountess Boyne have left London for Burwarton House, Bridgnorth, Salop, where they will spent Christmas.

Viscount and Viscountess FitzAlan of Derwent will be in residence at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, for Christmas.

Lady Newborough has left London for the Excelsior, Rome, where she will be for Christmas.

Lady Cotter arrived in Ireland from England on Tuesday.

The Hon. Mrs. Bethell and the Hon. David Bethell have gone to Aylesfield, Alton, Hants., for Christmas.

Sir John and Lady Simon are leaving London to-day for the South of France, where they will spend Christmas.

Captain Ralph and Lady Gweneth Cavendish are leaving London to-day for Stansted Park, Sussex.

Mrs. Lillis, Mr. Barry Lillis and the Misses Lillis have arrived in Ireland from England, and will be at 35 St. Mary's road, Dublin, for three weeks.

Sir Walter and Lady Wilson and their children have gone to Wengen for the Christmas holidays, and do not expect to return to England until about January 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lavery and their children are at present at the Salthill Hotel, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, where they will be staying until after Christmas.

The marriage arranged between Frederic John Kirwan Brindley, B.A.I., T.C.D., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Brindley, Glengariff, Sandymount, and Rhona, only daughter of the late Mr. F. H. Dore and Mrs. Lilian Dore, Kingston, near Canterbury, will take place on January 19th at Canterbury.,

Doctor D. G. Madill has left 92 Merrion square for about a fortnight.

Dr. Norman Jackson has left 69 Fitzwilliam square until December 31st.

Mr. F. W. Coyne has left 36 Waterloo road until the 4th of January.

There is no place like Switzers, of Grafton street, for "last-minute" Gift shopping . . . the immense selection makes choosing so easy. 'Phone 76821 (12 lines).

Holmes, George's street. Last few shopping days. Open until 6.30 p.m. to-day and to-morrow (Christmas Eve).

Walpoles last-minute Gift Suggestion from the Blouse Dept. Exquisite Blouses in Satin and Crêpe-de-Chine from 21s. 9d., Cosy Jumpers and Cardigans from 10s. Exclusive Scarves, Dress Jewellery and Ornaments. A visit will convince you that Walpoles can solve your Gift problems even at the last moment.—Walpoles, Suffolk street, Dublin.

Dance Frock of pale pink lace over tulle for £5 19s. 6d. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Maguire and Gatchell are displaying Table Glass of Fashion and artistic China at 10 Dawson street.

We can solve your Gift problem with Exclusive Novelties.—Stephens Library, Dun Laoghaire

A Morgan Hat is the best Christmas Gift for him.—19 Duke street.

"Chilprufe" Underwear for Ladies, Children and Men. Illustrated Price Lists on request.—Holmes', George's street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Shelagh Walsh, Rev. R. G. F. Jenkins, Rev. D. L. Graham, Mrs. D. L. Graham, Miss A. B. Britain, James Graham, Mrs. B. R. Bostock, Master J. A. Bostock, Miss P. M. Mulholland, Miss E. Fitzgerald, Major James O'Hara, Anthony H. E. Pirrie, G. P. A. Wilkinson, C. D. Whitfield, Margaret Odlum, Captain James Blacken, Mrs. Findlater, Dr. B. O'Carroll, J. H. Pedlow, Miss B. Drummond, Miss Gordon, Master John Fitzgibbon, Master David Fitzgibbon, Captain M. E. Kirwan, R. Birmingham, Captain A. H. Alastaire, F. Wafer Byrne, Miss Brenda Smyth, Miss M. F. Caddell, the Misses J. B. P. Caddell, R. H. T. Duncan, Miss J. A. E. Butler, M. P. Murray, J. G. Collis, Joan Crockett, Mary McNeill, Betty Kyle, E. Lonergan, C. Newman, John Gall, Flight-Lieut. N. C. Olbert, H. J. Eustace, J. W. B. Telford, N. Lloyd-Blood, P. de Stacpoole, Miss M. Ball, Master T. Ball, Mrs. J. Byrne, Dr. B. O'Carroll, J. Campbell Graham, T. R. S. Gibson, Misses Naish.

Among the departures were:—M. McDunphy, J. P. Collins, W. K. Kiersey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duncan, Miss Kingsman, R. A. Hailes, Mrs. and Miss P. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Connolly, Miss Morrison Kelly, Master Orton, Miss M. L. Pentland, Miss Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. J. O'Connor-Synnott, Mrs. J. P. Geary, Arthur George Joyce, D. King, D. MacLoughlan.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—Captain A. G. Kennedy, Dr. Lamb, Dr. D. S. Anderson, Colonel Bailey, Mr. J. Lowe, Professor Gordon, Mr. Forbes Russell, Captain Fennell, Mr. R. Young, Mr. C. Parker, Mrs. Metcalf, Mr. R. O'Farrall, Mrs. B. Tanman Miss N. Proctor, Mr. O. G. St. George, Mr. G. Irwin, Miss H. M. Hanbidge, Mrs. M. Gallagher, Miss F. Finigan, Mr. H. W. Dalton, Miss R. Arundal, Miss E. Keller, Miss T. Creedon, Mr. E. R. Dodd, Mr Allan, Miss E. McWeeney, Miss C. O'Reilly, Miss Whiteside, Mrs. E. Stephenson, Miss MacDonald, Mr. Moffat-Wilson, Miss R. Nixon, Miss K. M. Lordan, Mr. H. Lauder, Mrs. Hyde, Miss E. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Callaghan, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. W. G. Hearn, Miss D. Green.

Among the departures were:—Colonel and Mrs. Stourton, Mr. F. Kenny, Mr. R. Dawson, Miss C. Cahill, Mr. R. H. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Kelly, Miss Kelly, Mr. T. Haycock, Mr. A. C. Gibson, Mr. W. Breaks, Mr. F. Ellis, Mr. K. H. Murphy, Mr. A. D. Mitchell, Mr. J. Lloyd, Mr. F. Barker, Mr. G. A. Stanley, Mrs. Rigby-Jones, Mr. C. Newark, Mr. E. N. Reid, Mr. G. Parker, Mr. P. Murray, Dr. Leventhal, Mr. E. J. Griffiths, Mrs. Prost, Miss R. Bingham, Miss Courts, Mrs. F. A. Allan, Mr. R. A. Cunningham, Mr. K. P. Bolley, Mrs. N. Tennant, Miss Hazlett, Miss Lough, Mr. A. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crawford, Mr. G. J. O'Callaghan, Mr. T. J. Mahony, Mr. J. McGowan, Mr. G. C. Joyce, Mr. C. H. Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Whelan, Mr. and Mrs. M. McDermott, Mr. C. Roberts, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. H. Dickinson, Mr. George Wilson.

Stephens and Bourke, Shoemakers, will be open till 6 p.m. to-morrow.

Acceptable Christmas Gifts at Mansfield Sisters, 28 Wicklow street—Wool Jumpers, Frocks, Sports Skirts, Suede Coats, Evening Frocks, Camelhair, Travella and Fur Coats, and, as always, a large and varied selection of Millinery.

To LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances. Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, or Lastex and Latestar Stockings, stretching both ways. Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton street.

Sharpleys, Specialists Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets Price List.—2 Nassau St., Dublin

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

Dublin District Court—10.30 a.m.
Dublin Port and Docks Board—1 p.m.
Commercial Buildings Co. of Dublin—General Assembly, 3 p.m.
Carol Service—Christ Church Cathedral, 8 p.m.
United National Leaseholders' Association—Executive Meeting, 14 Lower O'Connell street, 8 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Happiness in the Air."
Olympia Theatre—"Kentucky Broadcast."
Metropole Cinema—"The Man Who Cried Wolf" and "Love in a Bungalow."
Grafton Cinema—"Splinters in the Air."
Corinthian Cinema — "Reported Missing" and "Westbound Limited."
Grand Central Cinema—"Seventh Heaven."
Theatre de Luxe — "Larceny of the Air" and "S.O.S. Clipper Island."
Theatre Royal—Variety and "The Leavenworth Case."
Stephen's Green Cinema—"Elephant Boy."
Savoy Cinema — Children's Christmas Matinees, 2 p.m. daily.
Savoy Cinema—"Thunder in the City."
Capitol Cinema—"The Woman Between" and "They Wanted to Marry."
Astor Cinema—"The Road Back."

LONDON LETTER

JAPAN'S REPLY TO HER SOCIALISTS

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

THE Japanese troops appear to be singling out the United States as an object of attack, and fresh insults against the United States flag are reported from Wuhu, the scene of the attack on the United States gunboat Panay, and Japanese soldiers are said to have been responsible. There were two incidents, one being the pulling down of the flag from a boat belonging to a hospital, and the other the hauling down of the flag from Wuhu Academy. These incidents are scarcely calculated to moderate public opinion in the United States, where newspapers are adopting a bellicose attitude towards Japan. Another very interesting point about Japan is that the police have descended on members of the Socialist Party and arrested 370, including two members of the Diet; and it is stated that the Home Minister, Admiral Suetsugu, has ordered the suppression of the Labour Party, the Japan Council of Labour, and the Farmers' Union. Presumably this has been done to put an end to all opposition to the policy in China.

Italy's Plans for Peace

The *Popolo d'Italia* has a most interesting article to-day by the Duke of Pistoia, a cousin of the King of Italy, in which he set forth some points for promoting peace. As the Duke is commander of an army division, it is thought that his article has been published with the approval of Signor Mussolini. The points he suggests are the revision of the Versailles Treaty, the restoration to Germany of her former colonies, the recognition of Italy's power by Britain and France, and the revival of the Four Powers' Pact between France, Britain, Germany and Italy. This is the first time that a member of the Italian Royal Family has raised political issues in the Press, and it may well be that there is more in the proposals than meets the eye. The article suggests that a block of nations could be formed that would better guarantee the peace of Europe than "the ill-conceived and now dead League of Nations, which, in order to maintain peace, would not have hesitated, had it been possible, to wage war and smother and strangle a young people in the sacrifice to the savage principles of the League and of collective peace."

—And for Egypt

In diplomatic circles there is much talk about the attitude taken up by Italy in the Egyptian situation, and it is said that there is an attempt to widen the gap between the young King and the Government. Italian secret propagandists are making great efforts to provoke a misunderstanding by working on the irresponsible and extremist elements on both sides in the country—Italy being represented as the champion of Islam and the Monarchy. This is a very serious business in a country like Egypt, where mob passions are so easily stirred, but it appears that most of the leading men in both Palace and Wafd circles have recognised the intrigue, and refuse to be associated with it in any way.

Ambassador's Holiday

Dr. Hafez Afifi Pasha, the Egyptian Ambassador in London, left Victoria Station this morning on his way to Egypt. He was asked whether he was going on a holiday trip, but simply stated that he was going back to Egypt. In diplomatic circles to-day there was a good deal of discussion as to whether his departure had connection with the dispute between King Farouk and the Egyptian Government, which appears to be growing more acute day by day. At the Egyptian Embassy, in reply to inquiries, it was stated that the Ambassador had gone on a holiday, and that he always goes at this time of year.

The Duchess of Windsor's Rank

Once again the question of the precise precedence to be accorded to the Duchess of Windsor has come up for review by the Court officials and the College of Heralds, and it is understood that the matter is to be settled before the new year. The issue of the Court guides during the past few weeks has been the cause of its revival, as they take the view that the Duchess of Windsor, deriving her precedence from that of her husband, ranks immediately after the Duchess of Kent. In the table of precedence Burke states that the wives of the King's brothers come immediately after the King's sister, making no distinction between those who are Royal Highnesses and those who are not, and Debrett agrees with this ruling. There are Court officials, however, who claim that since the title Royal Highness was withheld from the Duchess she cannot take precedence over the wives of Dukes of an earlier creation, and thus ranks immediately after the Duchess of Westminster. If this view is taken it follows that the precedence of the Duchess must be fixed without reference to the fact that her husband is a Prince of the Blood Royal. It is expected that the final decision will be made by the King.

Police for a Picture

The arrival of a big picture at Victoria to-day caused quite a sensation, as it was protected by a special guard of police. It is the famous "Adoration of the Shepherds," by El Greco, and being a rare example of the artist's work, its value is said to run well into six figures. The picture, which measures 14 feet by 6 feet, was accompanied as far as Paris by the Keeper of the Roumanian Royal Pictures, as it has been lent by its owner, the King of Roumania, for the exhibition of 17th century art in Europe, which opens at the Royal Academy on January 3rd. Examples of this artist's work are much sought after by collectors, and it is only recently that this picture was shown to the world. It was originally in the collection of King Louis Philippe of France. The picture on arrival was taken to Burlington House.

The Christmas Rush

There is intense activity at Euston and St. Pancras, where every inch of space is occupied in dealing with the Christmas traffic rush. Advance bookings for sleeping berths and seat reservations on the long distance expresses leaving London for Scotland, Holyhead and the North of England are likely to be as high as 1,200 (first class), and 3,300 (third class). Noticeable features this Christmas are the heavy bookings to stations in the West of the Irish Free State by Irishmen returning to spend the festive season at home. Between 10.0 a.m. and 12.0 midnight on Christmas Eve over 100 special and ordinary long distance trains will leave Euston and St. Pancras. At Euston alone there will be over thirty "specials" between 10.0 a.m. and midnight. Trains to be run in two or more parts include the Royal Scot, the Mid-Day Scot, Blackpool and Fylde Coast Express, and the Irish Mails.

THE KING AND QUEEN

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AT SANDRINGHAM

The King and Queen at 4.30 p.m. yesterday left King's Cross Station, London, on the Royal train for Sandringham, where they will spend their Christmas holidays. They were accompanied by Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

The Queen wore an ensemble of brown, and the two Princesses were dressed alike in cherry red.

Princess Margaret looked none the worse for the slight cold which kept her from the theatre on Tuesday.

THE ALLOWANCES OF DEPUTIES

No More Recommended by Dail Committee

"CUT" FOR MEMBERS OF NEW SENATE

Travelling Facilities the Same as Before

THAT members of the Dail should receive by way of allowance towards expenses £30 per month (the same as at present), free of income tax;

That members of the Senate should be given allowance at the rate of £20 per month (members of the former Senate received £30 per month), free of income tax, and

That members of both Dail and Senate should be given travelling facilities on the same basis as heretofore.

These are the chief recommendations made by the Committee set up by the Minister for Finance to report whether any change was desirable in the scale of allowances to be paid to members of the Dail and of the Senate which is to be established under the new Constitution.

The membership of the Committee was the same as that set up to report on the salaries of Ministers, with the exception that those members of the Committee who were deputies did not act on it. The report was signed by Dr. John P. Shanley (Chairman), Messrs. E. H. Alton, John J. Counihan, A. Cox, L. J. Duffy, John Leonard, Peter McCarthy, A. J. Magennis and Malachi Sweetman.

In the course of their eight meetings the Committee heard evidence from the Secretary of the Department of Finance, Mr. J. J. McElligott, and the following deputies:—Messrs. Anthony, Bartley, Brady, Carty, McGilligan, Murphy, Myles, O'Brennan, O'Neill and Pattison.

GENERAL VIEWS OF WITNESSES

The general view of the deputies who appeared before the Committee was that the present arrangements as regards allowances and facilities were unsatisfactory. Some claimed that they had suffered financial loss during their period of office, and that the allowance of £30 per month, in conjunction with the existing travelling facilities, did not enable them to meet their expenses. A major consideration was that a deputy who desired to discharge his duties conscientiously must give his whole time to the task, and, consequently, his earning capacity in his business or profession was seriously impaired.

"Instances," says the report, "were given where the deputy had no other occupation, and was, in fact, obliged to rely on his Parliamentary allowance as a means of livelihood."

Postage and travelling in his constituency, and "consequential losses," were also instanced as serious causes of expense. The witnesses were not unanimous as to suggestions for improvement. Some thought that there should be an increase of £100 per year, while others considered that such an amount could not be justified, but that some increase should be made. Two witnesses were definitely opposed to any increase, "as they did not think it wise to make a deputy's position attractive financially."

FRONT-BENCHERS

The present travelling facilities were not strongly opposed, but there was some suggestion that an enlargement of the basis of refunds in respect of private car journeys might be made. Some witnesses complained of the high cost of postages, often amounting to £1 per week, and a supply of franked envelopes was suggested. One witness suggested that owing to the greater work and responsibility falling on deputies on the Front Opposition benches a higher rate of allowance might be justified in their case.

A novel suggestion, which did not meet with the approval of the Committee, was that an increase should be granted, but not paid out until after a certain number of years when, ceasing to be a member, the deputy would receive a lump sum payment.

In making their recommendations, the Committee pointed out that they regarded the allowance as recouping expenses, and that these should not be regarded as a means of livelihood. They also drew a distinction between expenses for party purposes and those incurred as a public representative. They could see no alternative to the flat rate system of allowances.

CHAIRMAN'S OPINION

In making a recommendation that the present rate of allowance to deputies should be continued the Committee state:

"We gave particular attention, in view of the remarks of witnesses, to the question whether any increase in the present allowance would be justified on account of the expenses incurred by deputies on postage and travelling within the constituency. The majority of the Committee considered that the existing allowance provides a sufficient margin to cover the expenses of the average deputy under these headings. Some of our members, however, thought that, if no practicable alternative method could be devised for granting adequate facilities in respect of postage and travelling within the constituency, the cost of which to deputies has tended to increase in recent years, there should be some increase in the rate of allowance. They also considered that some provision should be made in the allowance to cover the element of consequential loss.

"While the majority of the Committee were unable to find adequate grounds on which to base any recommendation for an increase in the allowance for expenses, our Chairman and Mr. Counihan were of the opinion that the allowance might justifiably be increased to £35 a month.

POSSIBLE HARDSHIP

"We gave consideration to the arrangement under which the allowance for a member of the Oireachtas is payable, subject to certain exceptions, as from the day on which he takes his seat. It was represented to us that under this system a deputy may be involved in some hardship, because he may have to incur expense during the period between his election and the day on which it first becomes possible for him to take his seat in accordance with Standing Orders. We consider that the situation might be met by providing facilities for a deputy to comply with the necessary preliminary formalities at any time after he has been elected, and that, when he subsequently takes his seat, the allowance should be payable with retrospective effect as from the date on which he has complied with these formalities.

"On the question of travelling facilities, we took the view that the existing arrangements as provided by statute and regulation are adequate and should be continued. This recommendation is qualified by the opinion of a minority of the Committee that some provision should be made, either by an increase in the rate of allowance or otherwise, to cover the cost of journeys undertaken by deputies within their constituencies in connection with their duties as public representatives.

EXCEPTIONAL OCCASIONS

"The suggestion that general rail facilities throughout the country might be provided for deputies was fully discussed with the witnesses who appeared before us. One of the reasons urged in favour of the scheme was that, by excluding facilities for the use of private cars by deputies and by introducing in its place facilities for travelling over all the railway systems in the country, the financial position of the railway companies would be improved. Apart from considerations as to the cost to the State, we do not believe that any such scheme would be of material advantage to deputies so far as their public duties are concerned. We are unable to recommend its adoption.

"Some of the witnesses who appeared before us made a case for granting travelling facilities to deputies to enable them to inspect public works or to attend functions to which they might be invited as public representatives. These would be exceptional occasions, and, while there is no very clear need for any extension of the existing travelling facilities, we suggest that the Minister for Finance might take any necessary powers to enable him to deal especially with cases of the kind in which the public interest would be served by enabling deputies to undertake such journeys without additional expense to themselves.

NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Dealing with the question of allowances for members of the new Senate, the report says:—"As explained in the earlier paragraphs of this report, members of the former Seanad Eireann were paid the same allowances as deputies. The report of the Second House of the Oireachtas Commission, which sat last year, indicated that the general view of the Commission was that membership of the Second House should carry the same allowances as those applicable to membership of Dail Eireann. With all respect to that conclusion, we are unable to believe that Senators will necessarily be involved in the same amount of expenses as deputies. We recommend that the allowance payable to a member of Seanad Eireann should be at the rate of £20 a month. This conclusion is necessarily tentative, as we had no exact evidence as to the volume of business which will be transacted by the new Seanad Eireann, or as to the extent of the public duties of members of that House. The matter should, therefore, be subject to review in the light of actual experience.

"We recommend that travelling facilities should be granted to Senators on the same basis as obtained when the former Seanad Eireann existed."

DUKE OF WINDSOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The Duke and Duchess have sent their friends a Christmas card with a drawing of themselves, specially done by the French artist, M. Etienne Drian.

The Duke is shown sitting on a divan with his left hand in his pocket, and his right arm on the arm rest, on which the Duchess is seated.

The card, which is very simple and dignified, is surrounded by a narrow band of silver on a white background.

The Duke and Duchess went regularly to M. Drian's studio in Paris for sittings.

M. Drian did a portrait of the Duke when Prince of Wales, which was bought by Queen Mary. He has also painted the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are now at the Villa Lou Viei, says a Reuter Cannes telegram last afternoon. The Duke played a round of golf, while the Duchess went into Cannes with Mr. Dudley Forwood, the Duke's Equerry, and returned in the evening.

It is formally denied that the Duke of Windsor is contemplating the purchase of the Cornebiche estate.

EXTENSIVE SMUGGLING

ACROSS WATERS OF LOUGH FOYLE

CUSTOMS PLAN A BIG DRIVE

TO END "DONEGAL'S LARGEST INDUSTRY"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

LETTERKENNY, Wednesday.

EXTENSIVE smuggling is going on in North Donegal, between parts of Inishowen, which is in the Free State, and County Derry, in Northern Ireland, with the disputed waters of Lough Foyle playing an important part in the transit of smuggled goods.

That smuggling is not only extensive, but that it has attained almost unbelievable proportions, is the view of many people who are aware of the present state of affairs.

A big drive is being planned by Customs officials to end what has been described as literally Donegal's largest industry.

A reporter who inquired at the Donegal Customs headquarters if they had any knowledge there of alleged smuggling was told by a high official that it was believed that such smuggling was being indulged in, and that it was being practised on a large scale.

SILENT ROWING

Interesting developments within the next few weeks are foreshadowed. From inquiries made it appears that the smuggled goods are brought from the County Derry side of Lough Foyle to lonely stretches of the Donegal shore, and that swift lorries carry the smuggled goods away.

A steady trade in smuggling wares is being done from one end of the lough to the other, with Magilligan Point as the main centre of operations on the County Derry side. At night boats leave Magilligan and are rowed silently and swiftly across the lough to a point on the Donegal shore, where by pre-arrangement other people are waiting to receive the goods, which are speedily taken away and despatched to different centres. Household commodities, such as flour and sugar and hardware goods, are the principal lines in which smuggling is being done.

"We are aware of this smuggling and are going to stamp it out," said a Customs official to me. "A gigantic round-up is being planned that will end Donegal smuggling for good."

"UNDER WHICH KING"

A NICE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY

Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, in the House of Commons to-day, will ask the Foreign Secretary (Mr. Eden) whether he will inform the Italian Government "that while the letters accrediting the diplomatic representative of the Irish Free State to the King of Italy and Emperor of Abyssinia will be assented to by the Sovereign of the Irish Free State, acting on the advice of that Government, yet the Sovereign of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, acting on the advice of the Governments of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, does not recognise the assumption of the title of Emperor of Abyssinia by the King of Italy?"

THE CABINET

SAT FOR FIVE HOURS

After sitting for 2½ hours at 10 Downing street before lunch yesterday the Cabinet adjourned and met again in the Prime Ministers' room at the House of Commons last evening.

Ministers were anxious to clear up all outstanding matters, as this will be the last meeting before the Christmas recess.

Emergency plans, should any urgent questions arise during the holiday, have been made and some Ministers will be in regular contact with their departments.

Ministers spent a total of five minutes short of five hours in reviewing the situation before breaking up for the holiday. The many immediate questions in the Far East, the Mediterranean, and other troubled regions were, no doubt, mainly responsible for the length of the deliberations.

STAND-STILL ORDERS

CATTLE DISEASE AFFECTS SPORTING EVENTS

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed yesterday at Northerwood Park, Lyndhurst, and a standstill Order has been made, covering the whole of the New Forest. Commoners have been ordered to remove their cattle from pasture, and confine them to their farms and small holdings. An embargo will be placed on hunting, three packs of hounds being affected—the New Forest Foxhounds, the New Forest Buckhounds and the New Forest Beagles. The Boxing Day point-to-point races for New Forest ponies will also be cancelled.

The restricted area extends to Bournemouth in one direction, and embraces Southampton and Eastleigh in another. The northern part of the Forest is already under control on account of an outbreak at Salisbury.

Three adjoining counties are now affected—Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorsetshire. One animal, a Guernsey heifer, only was reported to be affected at Lyndhurst, but the contacts include 10 head of pedigree horn stock, 12 pigs and 42 lambs.

A further outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed at Lower Combe Farm, Donhead, near Tisbury, Wilts, 26 cattle being affected.

THE MAYO SMOKE TRAGEDY

CONDITION OF SURVIVING CHILD

Patrick Shaughnessy, the five-year-old child who is the only survivor of four children who were overcome by smoke in their home at Rathredmond, Co. Mayo, on Sunday last, is still alive. It was learned last night that the prospects for his recovery are much brighter than on the previous night. He is at the County Hospital, Castlebar.

MAN INJURED BY TAXI-CAB

An elderly man, whose name could not be ascertained, was knocked down by a taxicab in Lower Leeson street last night. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he had not fully recovered consciousness at a late hour.

Turkeys Almost Reach The Tuskar

But Bully Will Be the Christmas Fare

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR, Wednesday.

A CHEERLESS Christmas on bully beef and hard tack faces the gallant keepers on the Tuskar Rock lighthouse and their crews of the four Wexford coast lightships—Black Water, Lucifer, Barrells and Coningsbeg.

At eleven o'clock to-day the Irish Lights Commissioners' steamer, Ierne, carrying the relief crews and supplies of turkeys, puddings, cakes, newspapers, and mails, packed by anxious mothers, wives and sweethearts for the marooned men, left Rosslare Harbour. She returned this evening streaming with brine and her funnel salt-caked.

One of the crew said: "The wind was south when we cleared Greenore Point. We felt the full force of the gale. Mountainous seas smashed over us continuously, but after an hour's battling we reached Tuskar Rock. The men and supplies are ferried from the Ierne to the rock by small boat, but out there, with the huge Atlantic rollers crashing against the lighthouse, any attempt to lower a small boat would have been madness.

"There was nothing to do but return to Rosslare. We were quite close to the rock, and we waved the lonely and disappointed keepers a message of greeting."

The relief is now seven days overdue. If the gale moderates another attempt will be made to-morrow. There are three keepers on the Tuskar and ten men on each of the four lightships.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The "Irish Times" will not be published on Christmas Day.

NEW INSURANCE LAW

OLD AGE PENSIONS FOR GERMAN WORKMEN

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

A new insurance law, which, it is claimed, will improve the financial position of German labour by £40,000,000 annually and guarantee old age pensions for all German workmen was announced here to-night.

"The Goverment of Adolf Hitler has thus concluded the fifth year of its reign with a social deed of great magnitude," are the concluding words of the law.

The new measure strengthens the financial basis of the compulsory invalids' insurance and employés' insurance by appropriating a part of the revenues of the unemployed insurance. The Reich, too, will contribute.

The law furthermore places the miners' insurance on a firmer financial basis by substantial Reich subsidies.

This drain on the unemployed insurance revenues is made possible by, it is stated, the abatement of unemployment. The insurance fees of 6.5 per cent. of a workman's wage remain the same.

The law also provides for other social aid in order to increase the birth rate.

For instance, insured working women who marry are to receive half their insurance back on their wedding day. This new law follows General Goering's decree of December 3rd ordering that all employés shall be paid for their public holidays.

Apparently, some employers have been trying to escape paying their share of this by dismissing some employés before Christmas.

PRISON SENTENCE FOR TRESPASS

POISONING OF DOGS DENIED

Elsie Robinson, of Upper Woodburn, Carrickfergus, County Antrim, who was stated by her counsel to be a woman of considerable means, was sent to prison for a month by Carrickfergus magistrates yesterday for trespass.

Mrs. Marie Montgomery, of the same address, stated that from March, 1936, to March last she employed Robinson to look after the kennels. During that time twelve of her valuable dogs were poisoned, and afterwards police spoke of seeing Robinson on Mrs. Montgomery's premises.

Robinson claimed that she went to Mrs. Montgomery's house in response to a message, and denied that she had poisoned any dogs.

MILLIONAIRE'S WILL UPHELD

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

OTTAWA, Wednesday.

The Supreme Court of Canada has declared valid the will of the eccentric millionaire Charles Vance Millar, which leaves £150,000 to the Toronto mother bearing most children in the ten years following his death.

The Ontario Court will now have to decide which of the dozen or so mothers is the winner. Several women have had nine children, and one, Mrs. Martin Kenyon, claims to have had thirteen in the stipulated ten years, which ended last April.

STAY-IN STRIKERS GIVE UP

After over forty-eight hours underground, the Onllwyn Colliery (Neath) stay-in strikers returned to the surface last night in response to an appeal by Mr. Jankins, Chairman of the Union Lodge Committee. Work, which had been held up at the colliery, will be resumed to-day.

It is understood that the men came up unconditionally, and that no terms have been reached in the dispute over wages. Efforts to persuade the strikers to return to the surface had been made for the past two days by deputations on behalf of the South Wales Miners' Federation.

The strikers numbered twelve, but one man came up earlier yesterday because of the illness of his mother. Another man went down to take his place.

LONDON JEWEL ROBBERY

FOUR YOUNG MEN CHARGED

TWO OF THEM EX-PUBLIC SCHOOLBOYS

FOUR young men—two, at least, ex-public schoolboys, and all well-connected—were charged last night in London with robbery with violence, following the £15,000 jewel robbery in a West End hotel. Their ages range from 20 to 30.

THE ACCUSED MEN

They were charged at Gerald Road Police Station, Westminster, in the names of John Lonsdale, Peter Jenkins, Robert Harley and D. Wilmer.

They will appear at Westminster Police Court to-day.

Present when they were charged were Superintendent John Sands, of the "Big Five," who has been in charge of the three days' investigation, and Divisional Detective Inspector Hayward, of Gerald road.

Three of the men had been brought to London from Oxford by Scotland Yard officers on Tuesday night, and the fourth was arrested as the result of further inquiries by Superintendent Sands, who is Area Superintendent of the Western district

TITLED MAN'S GUEST

One of the men brought from Oxford was detained in Gloucestershire, where he had been staying for the holiday as a guest at the home of a titled man.

The three men had been questioned at Oxford by Chief Inspector Burt, of Scotland Yard.

M. Etienne Bellenger, the representative of Cartiers, the New Bond street jewellers, from whom the jewels were stolen, is seriously ill in a West End nursing home, and his condition was unchanged last night.

M. Bellenger was attacked and robbed of nine diamond and platinum rings, which, it is understood, have since been found by the police.

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

A CLASH IN EGYPT

The Times observes editorially to-day:—Egypt is clearly on the brink of a grave political crisis. The dissensions between King Farouk and his advisers, on the one hand, and his Prime Minister, Mustapha Nahas Pasha, and the Cabinet on the other, have come to a head after many weeks of increasing strain. The demonstration outside Abdin Palace on Tuesday, when Makram Ebeid Pasha, the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister's chief lieutenant, narrowly escaped injury at the hands of a crowd of students, who had gathered to express their loyalty to their young King, gave striking evidence of the excited partisanship which the public knowledge of the conflict between Palace and Cabinet has already engendered.

The causes of this conflict are numerous and of varying importance. It began last October when Nahas Pasha raised strong objections to the King's selection of Ali Maher Pasha as Chief of the Royal Cabinet, although the Pasha had governed Egypt constitutionally and impartially for over three months last year. The King met these objections with the reply that since he himself was above politics, his Chief of Cabinet must also be above them. Nahas Pasha withdrew his opposition, but his repulse appears to have rankled.

It is obviously in the King of Egypt's own and in his country's interest that the situation should be solved by constitutional means, adds *The Times*. Failure in this might endanger his enormous popularity with his subjects, and would certainly usher in a period of anxiety and unrest which might increase the hazards of the international situation, and would be a most unfortunate *début* for independent Egypt. On the other hand, his advisers can hardly counsel him to agree to the continued existence of the undisciplined Blue Shirt legions, who might easily become the agents of a party dictatorship. In the event of a general election the Wafd would, no doubt, carry the day, thanks to their superior organisation and the prestige which they have gained from the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty—for which they have taken the chief credit, although the Egyptian Treaty delegation was an all-party one—and the abolition of the capitulations. In Cairo there has been talk of a change in the leadership of the Wafd. It is certain that not a few members of that party are dissatisfied with Nahas Pasha's recent leadership, both for personal reasons and because they contend that internal administration—never the strong suit of the Wafd—has become increasingly lax during the past year. The outcome of the crisis is, therefore, uncertain. Much will depend upon to-day's meeting of the Wafdist Parliamentary Party, and the many friends of Egypt in this country can only hope that both sides will display a spirit of compromise, without which, indeed, the whole system of parliamentary government in Egypt may be gravely jeopardised.

FRENCH MASS MURDERS

MILLION'S FURTHER STATEMENT

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

VERSAILLES, Wednesday.

Contradicting his previous assertions, Roger Million, who is under arrest in connection with a series of murders, to-day informed the examining magistrate in a letter that his friend, Jean Blanc, knew of the murder of Leblond, one of the victims.

Million states that Jean Blanc was present when he was telling his father about the murder of Leblond. Blanc, who gave himself up to the police at the same time as Million, was questioned this afternoon. He explained that he was grateful to Wiedmann, who helped to soften the prison *régime* at Frankfort, where they were imprisoned together. He said that he visited Wiedmann at his villa on July 18, and afterwards went away on a holiday with Million and Million's friend, Colette Tricot.

From that time onwards Wiedmann asked more and more frequently for money, with the result that Blanc saw less and less of him.

Blanc confirmed that he heard Million telling his father about the Leblond murder, but declared that he recommended them to go to a solicitor in Paris.

"If they didn't follow my advice it isn't my fault," he said.

ROOSEVELT TALKS WITH NAVY CHIEFS

Another Insult by Japanese

STARS AND STRIPES TORN DOWN FROM HOSPITAL

More Property Ablaze in Tsingtao

ONLY a few hours before the findings of the United States Board of Inquiry into the sinking of the gunboat Panay were expected to be published, President Roosevelt yesterday received Vice-Admiral W. D. Leahy, Commander of the United States Battle Fleet.

The talk, which took place at the White House, lasted for half-an-hour, but its nature was not disclosed.

The findings of the Board of Inquiry have been wirelessed from Shanghai, and will be published shortly after Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull have read them.

Yet another insult to the United States was reported yesterday. A party of Japanese soldiers are alleged to have torn down the Stars and Stripes from the American hospital at Wuhu, and thrown it into the river.

Reports that some form of naval display by the United States in Far Eastern waters is under consideration are still being given prominence, but it is reliably learned that the present pre-occupation of the U.S. Navy is confined to a desire to make the Fleet 100 per cent. efficient to meet any future calls.

Most of the remaining Japanese property in Tsingtao has been set on fire, including the dormitories for employés in Japanese mills, says Reuter.

Looting has been checked with the execution of nine more persons, and the arrest of two hundred others, who are awaiting trial.

JAPANESE VERSION OF PANAY OUTRAGE

Reports continue to appear in many newspapers that some sort of display of naval might in Far Eastern waters is under consideration. But it is reliably learned in Washington, says Reuter, that the present pre-occupation of the U.S. Navy is confined to a desire to get the Fleet into proper condition to meet whatever calls might be made on it in the future.

Naval spokesmen point out that the Fleet is only about 85 per cent. manned at the present moment, and many hulls would need scraping before anything in the nature of a lengthy cruise or exercises could be undertaken.

They state further that there is a scarcity of fuel ships and supply ships, which cannot be remedied overnight, but which certainly should be remedied before any action, such as that forming the basis of newspaper speculation, could be taken.

EFFICIENCY OF FLEET

Well-informed circles interpret the two visits which Vice-Admiral Leahy has recently made to Mr. Roosevelt in the light of these conditions. Naval spokesmen, naturally, have no comment to make upon the desirability, or otherwise, of naval reinforcements or naval exercises affecting Far Eastern waters, but they stress that, before such projects are canvassed, care must be taken to ensure that the Fleet is a hundred per cent. efficient.

Action in connection with the Panay incident lagged yesterday, pending the issue by the United States Naval Board of the Inquiry's findings into the sinking of the gunboat.

THE PANAY OUTRAGE

That the U.S. gunboat Panay was not intentionally machine-gunned by Japanese Army motor launches just before she sank in the Yangtse ten days ago is the burden of an interim report issued by the Foreign Office in Tokyo yesterday.

The statement, prepared by the military authorities, runs:—"It is reported that at the time of the bombing of the Panay Japanese Army motor launches fired on the gunboat, and the Japanese military authorities did everything in their power to ascertain the facts of the incident.

"Unfortunately, the various army units were then scattered over a wide area, and means of communication were inadequate, so that the investigation was delayed.

"The investigation is still in progress, and is being conducted by the military authorities on the spot, in co-operation with the Staff Officer of Imperial Headquarters, who was despatched from Tokyo immediately after the incident.

"FRIENDLY INTENTIONS"

"So far, it has been established that the Japanese soldiers visited the Panay with friendly intentions for a brief period, but no evidence has been discovered to show that the ship was the target of intentional shooting.

"At about 2 p.m. on December 12 a certain unit in motor launches left Taiping for Pukow. In the course of its journey downstream two launches preceding the rest as scouts met at a point below Taiping five steamers which they judged from the circumstances of the fighting at that time to be used by Chinese troops.

"They accordingly went back to report to the main unit. On receipt of this report the entire unit landed on the right bank of the river.

"As they were looking about they saw Japanese naval aircraft come and bomb the above-mentioned group of vessels.

"The distance between the ships and the army unit was then about two kilometres.

THE WOUNDED

"The Japanese soldiers saw the wounded in the first bombing carried to the right bank of the river from one of the ships.

"Immediately after the second bombing the section commander approached the ship and discovered it to be American.

"He at once gave orders for care to be taken of the wounded who had been carried ashore.

"Soon the company commander arrived on the scene.

"Two army officers were discussing with the American crew means of safeguarding the American ship, when a bomb was dropped in the vicinity for a third time.

"The company commander then caused ten soldiers to wave Japanese flags in order to make the aircraft stop bombing, but the latter failed to recognise the signal and continued to bomb the ship, which finally caught fire.

JAPANESE CASUALTIES

"There were casualties among the Japanese—two dead and three wounded, including the company commander.

"It grew late as they (the Japanese soldiers) continued to attend the American wounded, who were removed to a foreign-style house on the top of a small hill near by.

"At about this time it was discovered that another vessel, which was sinking near the left bank of the river as a result of the third bomb, was also American.

"Another company commander sent two motor launches to her, with an officer and ten men for rescue work.

"The officer and one of the men quickly boarded the vessel and looked about for a minute or two, but, failing to find any one in the vessel, and seeing the imminent danger of her sinking, they left her.

"It was found later that this ship was the Panay.

"At that time a small steamer (afterwards discovered to be the Lita) was fleeing up-stream with fourteen or fifteen Chinese soldiers aboard, from the neighbourhood of the scene of the incident.

"Although the distance from the steamer was about 1,800 metres Japanese troops on land fired at her with machine-guns.

CHINESE STEAMER

"Still another motor launch was sent in pursuit, and at a point a few kilometres up-stream the Chinese steamer was captured. Bullet holes were noticed in her side.

"As stated above, the shooting was aimed at the Chinese vessel, Lita, and American ships never constituted its objective.

"It is supposed that the allegation of shooting at the Panay was made by those who mistook the shooting at the Chinese vessel, and it is also supposed that there might have been ricochet shots flying in the direction of the Panay.

"The investigation into further details of the shooting affair still continues.

"In brief, the acts of the Japanese military forces had no hostile intention whatever towards American ships and nationals.

"It is impossible that a Japanese force should ever intentionally attack or trespass upon any American ship, knowing the vessel to be such.

"As a matter of fact, the Japanese soldiers at the front are well disposed towards foreigners in general, especially towards Americans, as may be seen by the way the American wounded were taken care of in the present case."

TENSION IN CANTON

Canton, cradle of Great Britain's China trade, is awaiting with tense excitement a Japanese thrust from Bias Bay, says a Press Association Foreign Special telegram.

Such a move is believed to be inevitable, although no Japanese troops have so far landed.

The city's population of one and a half

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

Showers. Mild.

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millions has thinned considerably as a result of a steady exodus to the interior.

The first objective of the Japanese would be to cut the Canton-Kowloon Railway, adjacent to British territory. The implications of a Japanese invasion from a British point of view would be fourfold.

(1) Intensive bombing of Canton would endanger the British Concession on the island of Shameen, where about 180 Britons reside, including 72 women and children. The latter are standing by to leave as soon as the Japanese land on the coast. Many Americans and Germans also live in the concession.

(2) The risk of incidents on the frontier of the leased territories.

(3) The influx of thousands of refugees into Hong Kong would create difficult problems, and involve danger of disease.

BRITISH TRADE

(4) The cutting of the railway would result in the isolation of Hong Kong from China, causing the strangulation of British trade, similar to that now experienced in Shanghai.

General Wu Te-chen, Governor of Kwangtung Province, in an interview with the Press Association Correspondent yesterday, said: "Japan is not only destroying China, but also Great Britain's interests in China."

General Yu Han-mow, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung forces, emphasised his determination to resist any Japanese attack. The Kwangtung forces, he said, were well equipped and well trained, and their *moral* was high.

AMERICAN FLAG INCIDENT

WUHU COMMANDER EXPRESSES REGRETS

A further "incident" calculated to rouse American feeling is reported on unimpeachable foreign authority from Wuhu, says a Shanghai Press Association Foreign Special telegram.

A party of Japanese soldiers are stated to have torn down the Stars and Stripes from an American hospital and thrown it into the river, whence it was rescued by an American doctor.

The Japanese commander expressed his regrets when the hospital authorities protested.

Japanese soldiers also disregarded notices in Japanese forbidding them to enter the Wuhu Academy. They ordered the Chinese caretaker to haul down the American flag, searched the buildings, and blew open the school.

CLOSED AREA AT SHANGHAI

BRITISH PROTESTS TO TOKYO

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, called on Mr. Hirota, the Foreign Minister, yesterday, says a Tokyo telegram.

It is understood that he pressed the urgent importance of re-opening Hongkew and Yangtszepoo—the parts of the International Settlement at Shanghai which the Japanese have occupied since the beginning of the war—to the merchants of neutral nations, whose business is severely hit by their not being able to get at their warehouses.

The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo told questioners that the delay in re-opening these quarters was probably due to Japanese fears of secret activities in the Chinese areas. When it was suggested that there were no Chinese areas now, he did not reply.

"IRONSIDES" IN ACTION

The Japanese claim to have checked a fierce counter-attack yesterday by 100,000 Chinese "Ironsides," under General Chang Fa-kwei, near Hangchow, but admit that they experienced much difficulty, says a Reuter Shanghai telegram.

Their right flank, the Japanese say, has captured Mokanshan, a popular mountain resort, thirty miles to the north-west of Hangchow, while their left flank has laid siege to Changan, a railway town, eighteen miles from Hangchow.

The Japanese predict the capture of Hangchow by the end of the month.

CUSTOMS CONTROL

Answering Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour, Kingswinford) and Captain Arthur Evans (Conservative, Cardiff, S.) regarding negotiations on the question of Customs control in Shanghai and the position of the Chinese Maritime Customs, in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Eden (Foreign Secretary) said that the Japanese authorities in Shanghai had not as yet received their instructions from their Government. Accordingly, he had instructed their Ambassador at Tokyo to communicate further with the Japanese Government, and he understood they had promised that the despatch of instructions would be expedited.

Replying to Lieut.-Commander Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton), Mr. Eden said that he understood that it was not the case that pending the result of these communications the Customs at Shanghai were, *de facto*, under the control of the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, told Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher that Japanese naval movements in waters adjacent to Hong Kong were being carefully watched.

He gave no reply to a further question by Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher as to whether he was satisfied that British naval forces in China waters were sufficient, in view of any possibilities that might arise.

Questioned by Captain Alan Graham (Conservative, Wirrall) regarding the possible spread of hostilities to Kwantung Province, Mr. Eden said: "I have no information which I can properly give to the House, but I can give an assurance that all possible protection is being and will be afforded to British interests in South China."

IRISH POLO PLAYER'S WIFE GRANTED DIVORCE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

LOS ANGELES (CALIFORNIA), Wednesday.

Mrs. Esther F. Roark was granted a divorce to-day from her husband, Mr. Aidan Roark, the well-known Irish polo player, whom she charged with neglect and cruelty. Mrs. Roark also charged her husband with neglecting her at social functions.

The court approved the settlement, by which Mr. Roark agreed to pay his wife 150 dollars a month for two years.

The couple were married in California in January, 1934, but separated last October.

Mrs. Roark was formerly Mrs. Esther Moore. Her marriage to Mr. C. C. Moore, a wealthy rancher, was dissolved in 1933.

COST OF BEING A MINISTER

LABOUR VIEWS ON "HIGH LIVING"

MR. DE VALERA QUOTED AGAINST BIG PAY

THE complete report of the Committee of Inquiry into Ministerial and other salaries has now been issued to deputies. As published on December 6th, it contained the main outlines of the findings, but without the minority memorandum of Mr. Luke J. Duffy, Secretary of the Labour Party. This is included in the report as now published.

Mr. Duffy explains that he did not sign the main report on three grounds. He says:—

(a) I regard the salaries proposed as being too high;

(b) I think life pensions should not be provided for Ministers or for the Attorney-General on ceasing to hold office after three years in the Ministry; and

(c) I consider that no case has been made for the payment of gratuities to Parliamentary Secretaries.

THE SWEETS OF OFFICE

The following are some points from Mr. Duffy's report:—

"I cannot accept the proposition that on assuming office Ministers break entirely with former contacts; that, whether they like it or not, they are launched on a sea of high living; that they must entertain lavishly and incur expense on private hospitality altogether disproportionate to their former mode of life.

"It may be that Ministers (or some of them) do adopt a more expensive mode of living on attaining Ministerial office, but I refuse to believe it is imposed on them involuntarily. Certain Ministers, having business contacts, especially with non-nationals, may find it necessary, no doubt, to incur some additional expenditure on hospitality, but the sum involved would not be so considerable as to induce them to cultivate new and expensive associations involving a heavy drain on their financial resources. Personally, I consider that for the most part expenditure on entertainment and hospitality in excess of what is customary in an ordinary household is wasteful, and that it is calculated to cause estrangement between Ministers and the community they serve. It has been found elsewhere—and I believe it will be found here—that the expenditure of considerable sums of money on entertainment by individuals occupying influential positions in the political life of the country creates an atmosphere inimical to the mass of the community."

MR. DE VALERA'S 1928 VIEW

With reference to the plea that in order to maintain their high positions with dignity and honour to the country, Ministers must receive salaries substantially larger than were formerly provided, he says:—"I recall that this suggestion was rejected several years ago by the present head of the Ministry. Speaking in the Dail on the considerations which should influence the fixing of salaries of Ministers and others in analogous positions, Mr. de Valera, in 1928, expressed his point of view in the following manner:—

> 'To my mind, it is not a question as to whether the salaries are or are not earned. It is a question of the standard that is being set for salaries generally. . . My view is that the dignity of the office will be largely dependent on the person who holds it; and that no amount of externals will increase the dignity of the office unless the person who holds it is in himself a person who wins respect, and, by his actions generally, indicates that he understands what the dignity of the office is. I believe that to try to bolster up an office by any externals of the kind which come from additional salaries, equipment, and so on, is a mistake. . .'

"I consider this view the correct one," declares the Labour representative.

"THE HEIGHT OF FOLLY"

He urges a further consideration in regard to the fixing of ministerial salaries: "The standard of remuneration for a large section of the people in this country is admittedly very low and, in my judgment, it would be the height of folly to set against that background the standard of remuneration for Ministers proposed by the majority of the Committee."

Mr. Duffy agrees with the recommendation of the Committee that Ministers and others concerned should be required to pay income tax and other taxes on their total income, subject only to the abatements or claims available to the citizens generally, and has no objection, therefore, to the fixing of the gross salary at a figure which, after the deduction of taxation, etc., will yield to a Minister an income approximating to his present net salary.

"Accordingly," he says, "I suggest that the Ministers and Secretaries Act be so amended as to provide that the salary of the Taoiseach should not exceed £2,750 per annum, fully subject to taxation, and that the salaries of the Tanaiste, Ministers, Attorney-General and Ceann Comhairle be fixed at a sum not exceeding £2,000 per annum, also fully subject to taxation. In my view, adjustments in the salaries of Ministers and others should be availed of to alter the system under which transport is provided for them. The expenditure under this head is excessive. It could be reduced to half the present figure and still afford reasonable facilities to those concerned."

DAIL SECRETARIES' PAY

Pointing out that prior to 1928-29 certain Parliamentary Secretaries were in receipt of salaries not exceeding £1,000 per year, others were receiving £1,200, he says:—"Generally I think that the salary of a Parliamentary Secretary should not exceed £1,000 per annum, fully subject to taxation, or half the salary provided for a Minister. There may, however, be some instances where special circumstances relating to the work of a Parliamentary Secretary would justify somewhat higher remuneration, but, in my opinion, in no case should the salary exceed £1,200 per annum. I consider that in the case of Parliamentary Secretaries also there should be a statutory limit on the sum provided to meet salaries and allowances, and that the limit should be fixed at £5,500 per annum. I consider that in the case of the Leas-Cheann Comhairle the salary should be fixed at a sum not exceeding £1,000 per annum, fully subject to taxation.

"Although I agree that a case has been made out for the payment of pensions to certain Ministers, I dissent from the recommendation that pensions be payable indiscriminately after three years' service. I consider that where a pension is payable the applicant should have held Ministerial office for not less than five to seven years."

In conclusion Mr. Duffy says:—"I supported the recommendation that the payments to the Uachtaran be limited to £15,000 per annum in the belief that this sum would not be exceeded. I have some doubt, however, as to whether, on the correct construction of the Committee's report, the total annual outlay on this office would be so limited."

A total of 1,624 Hunter College (U.S.A.) students earned £18,600 last summer, according to an announcement by Mrs. Dean Smith Schloss, in charge of undergraduate appointments in the Bureau of Occupations at the college. The figures since 1935 indicate a decided increase in the amount earned by the girls, and this year there was an increase in the number of girls who obtained employment.

OBITUARY

LORD MONTEAGLE

The death has occurred suddenly at his residence, Cappa, Foynes, of Francis Spring Rice, fourth Baron Monteagle of Brandon, at the age of eighty-five. Lord Monteagle was the son of the Honorable Stephen Edmond Spring Rice and Ellen Mary Frere. Educated at St. Columba's College, Dublin, and on H.M.S. Britannia, he entered the Royal Navy in 1866; became midshipman in the following year, sub-lieutenant in 1872, lieutenant in 1876, and, in 1897, retired as commander. On the outbreak of the Great War he returned to the Royal Navy, with which he served from 1915 to 1918. In 1934 Lord Monteagle succeeded his nephew, the third baron, in the title. Lord Monteagle's first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Peter FitzGerald, 19th Knight of Kerry, died in 1922, and in 1935 he married Mrs. Stephen Spring Rice, who died twelve months later. Lord Monteagle was a keen advocate of social credit and currency reform, to which he devoted a great deal of attention. Also he was interested in various social activities. On Tuesday last he was present at the breaking-up entertainment at Foynes School, and, in the evening, he became ill and died almost immediately.

Lord Monteagle is succeeded by his son, Captain the Hon. Charles Spring Rice, who is aged 50. He served in the Great War.

Commander Lord Monteagle of Brandon, R.N. (retired), says *The Times*, was a great friend and shipmate of the late Admiral of the Fleet the Marquess of Milford Haven (Prince Louis of Battenberg), to whom he was known by the nickname of "Oki Sprig," and several allusions to the Commander will be found in the biography of the Marquess by Admiral Mark Kerr, published in 1934.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CHENEVIX-TRENCH

Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Chenevix-Trench, C.I.E., who died at his residence, Old Burkesdon, Hants, on Monday, at the age of 78, had long service in the Indian Political Department, chiefly in Persia and Baluchistan, says *The Times*.

The third son of Mr. Philip Chenevix-Trench, of Botley, Hants, he was a nephew of Dr. Chenevix-Trench, Archbishop of Dublin, and was descended from Richard Chenevix-Trench (1774-1866), who married the granddaughter and sole heiress of Dr. Chenevix, Bishop of Waterford. He was born on June 23, 1859. From Winchester, where he was in the Rev. J. Bramston's house, he went to Sandhurst, and was commissioned to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots Regiment, at the age of 20. He transferred to the Bombay Staff Corps in 1882, and was soon employed on political work. In 1891 he was appointed British Joint Commissioner at Leh. Ten years later he was selected to be Consul-General in Khorassan and Seistan. In his bachelor establishments he kept a good table, was much "given to hospitality," and gained hosts of friends among the people with whom his lot was cast. Not the least of his gifts was as an amusing *raconteur*. From Meshed he went to Fort Sandeman in 1903 as Political Agent in Zhob, and there spent the last seven years of his service in the Department. He was made a C.I.E. shortly after retirement.

He had settled down happily to country life when the war came, and his old friend, Sir Henry MacMahon, on appointment in December, 1914, to be High Commissioner for Egypt, took Chenevix-Trench with him as Military Secretary. In 1916 he rendered service in connection with the recoupment and refreshment of the stricken Serbian Army as base commandant, and received the White Eagle of Serbia and the Italian Order of the Crown. He was often at his club, the Naval and Military, until his visits to London were limited by failing health.

MR. JAMES R. McMULLEN

Mr. James R. McMullen, whose death occurred yesterday morning in Cashel, had been manager of the local branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank for the past twenty years. He was a very popular official, and, apart from his official duties, he was interested in local charities, and particularly in the District Nursing Association, of which for many years he had been honorary treasurer.

"A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION"

GERMANY APPROVES MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons yesterday is welcomed by the Wilhelmstrasse as a useful contribution to the clearing up of the situation.

The German *Diplomatische Korrespondenz*, which generally voices the views of the Foreign Office, declares: "It is a step forward to know that the British Government now has a sufficient idea of Germany's view as to what is essential for establishing a better co-operation in Europe."

The writer is especially satisfied that Mr. Chamberlain does not reject bilateral understandings if they may be regarded as a first step towards a general settlement.

ORDERLY OFFICER'S VIGILANCE

COUP D'ETAT FAILS IN PARAGUAY

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

ASUNCION (PARAGUAY), Wednesday.

The vigilance and bravery of an orderly officer frustrated an attempted *coup d'état* here last night. The attempt is alleged to have been made by Major Joel Estigarribia, a former Army Commandant, who was accompanied by Lieutenant Chaves, Commandant Vosta, and Lieutenant Rogelio.

Under cover of darkness they entered the munitions park in the Camp Grande and tried to capture the guard. Lieutenant Fiore, an orderly officer, refused to surrender, however, and was shot at twice.

Lieutenant Fiore returned the fire, killing Major Estigarribia. Commandant Vosta and Lieutenant Rogelio were wounded, and Lieutenant Chaves was captured in the ensuing *melée*.

According to a police *communiqué*, the incident was due to a conspiracy of a "Communist" nature.

The Army and the Navy, it is added, repudiate the plotters. They are indignant that such an attempt should have been made. The country as a whole remains calm.

MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HEADMASTERS' DECISION

An increased number of schools throughout Great Britain will, in future, be able to regard themselves as among the public schools.

The Headmasters' Conference—the "parliament" of the heads of the public schools—which was opened at Winchester College yesterday, decided so to vary the conditions of membership of the Conference as to permit a number of secondary schools to join the select band of public schools.

Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Uppingham, introduced a discussion on "Chapel and Sunday in Schools." A number of headmasters urged compulsory chapel, others voluntary attendance, while yet others advocated a measure of compulsion, varied with voluntary Services.

It was generally felt that Sunday should be kept as a day distinct from the rest of the week.

The Conference, on the motion of Dr. Terry Thomas, Leeds, seconded by Mr. C. A. Elliott, Eton, adopted a resolution to the effect that "Freedom is the very essence of English education."

To-day the conference will debate the movement of the birth rate, and its probable effect on the schools' population.

FUNERAL OF LUDENDORFF

NO CLERGY AT GRAVESIDE

TRIBUTE BY VON BLOMBERG

HITLER WALKS IN PROCESSION

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

IN a cemetery covered with snow and overlooking Lake Starnberg, General Ludendorff was laid to rest near his home at Tutzing this afternoon. No priest or minister was present at the graveside, for the dead General was well known for his hatred of Christianity.

At the head of his grave stood officers bearing his sword and numerous Orders, while at the sides and foot stood his widow and members of the family.

A leader of the General's own old German religious movement paid a last tribute to the dead man.

Ludendorff, he said, was worthy of Valhalla. He could have been the darling of the multitude, but he chose the harder way. He was the man who awakened the soul of Germany.

Although prominent soldiers and leaders of Germany had gathered to pay tribute to the dead General before his body left Munich this morning, none of the country's leading soldiers were at the graveside.

GUARD OF HONOUR

A guard of honour of infantry, drawn up on either side of the grave, was the only mark which distinguished this from the simple funeral which the General himself would have desired.

As the coffin was slowly lowered into the grave the guard of honour fired three rounds.

A wreath was later laid on the grave by Prince Oscar, the ex-Kaiser's son, on behalf of his father.

A woman presented a wreath on behalf of German mothers.

In striking contrast to this simple grave-side ceremony was the State procession in Munich this morning. Through streets decorated with pine branches and innumerable flags, bound with crêpe, General Ludendorff's body was borne in military pomp from the Gate of Victory to the Feldherrnhalle. A hundred flaming pylons added their red glow to the wintry December scene over which there hung a light fog. The General's body had laid in state under the central arch of the Gate of Victory. The day's ceremonies began at 5 o'clock, when the coffin, covered with the old Imperial war flag, was removed from the Hall of Flags in the military headquarters at Munich.

THE OLD AND NEW REICH

From the roof of the arch under which the coffin lay hung the old and new war flags, symbolic of the union of the old and new Reich.

With the thermometer showing ten degrees of frost, officers of the General Staff stood on guard, and a few early passers-by—men cycling to their work—stopped to pay their last respects to the dead General.

Finally the procession formed. First a military band playing a funeral march, then moving forward very slowly the dead soldier's coffin flanked by four Generals. Behind came the standard bearers, with a large number of banners bound in mourning bands, and after these, on foot, Herr Hitler, accompanied by Field-Marshal von Blomberg, General Goering, and General von Fritsch, Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

Baron von Neurath and Admiral Raeder were unable to be present owing to their trains being delayed.

Two detachments of infantry, one artillery detachment, a large body of blue-jackets, and a battalion of the air force brought up the rear.

VAST CROWD OF MOURNERS

As the gun carriage bearing the coffin began to move forward a hundred pylons along the half-mile route burst into flame. Along streets lined with soldiers, members of National Socialist Party bodies, and a vast crowd of mourners come to bid farewell to a great soldier, the procession slowly wound its way to the Feldherrnhalle, where the State act in honour of General Ludendorff took place.

Six great flaming pylons had been erected outside the hall, while from two tall masts waved two German war flags—the old and the new.

Six General Staff officers carried the coffin to the catafalque, adorned with silver and laurel wreaths placed in front of the entrance to the hall.

Here the funeral oration was delivered by Field-Marshal von Blomberg.

In a warm tribute to the dead general's service and devotion to his country the War Minister said:—

"Bowed with grief, the German Army, with the whole nation behind it, stands at the bier of this great soldier, who was a man of genius.

"A great life has come to an end.

A TRUE GERMAN

"Ludendorff was a true German, whose work has now finished. He devoted his life solely to the welfare of Germany. His life brought him to the highest position in the Army."

Emphasising Ludendorff's ardent patriotism, his hatred of his enemies, and his determination to destroy them, Field-Marshal von Blomberg concluded:—

"The Army lowers its banners with deepest respect for a great soldier and a great German."

The oration ended, Herr Hitler walked to the coffin, and placed his wreath of white chrysanthemums and green leaves at the foot of the bier, saying in a loud voice:

"General Ludendorff, on behalf of the united German people, I place this wreath at your feet in deepest gratitude."

LAST SALUTE

As the procession re-formed, and moved forward again to the strains of drums and fifes, and a band playing a funeral march, guns fired a last salute.

Following the ceremony at the Feldherrnhalle Herr Hitler approached Frau Ludendorff, the General's widow, and kissed her hand twice.

As it reached the outskirts of the city the procession halted.

Foreign military Attachés, delayed by snow and ice, and an accident to a preceding train, were waiting there to pay their tribute to the dead General.

They placed a large wreath on the barrel of the gun carriage, while further wreaths were deposited on behalf of British, American, Turkish, Hungarian, Austrian, Finnish, Bulgarian and National Spanish Armies.

The coffin was then transferred to an army motor car, and, escorted by motorised units of the army and armoured cars, taken to the General's home at Tutzing, where a private mourning service was held, according to the rites of the Ludendorff Faith Movement, prior to burial at the local cemetery.

THE NEW ORDER IN INDIA

VIEWS OF SIR K. BARLEE

A MARKED CHANGE IN DUBLIN

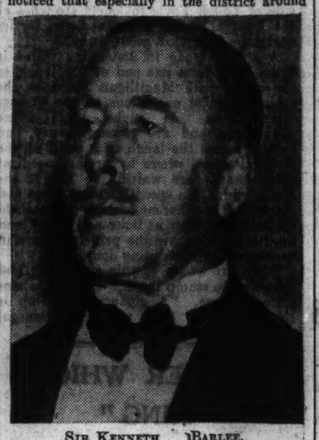
THE absence of bare-footed children from the streets of Dublin was the subject of favourable comment by Sir Kenneth Barlee, a Dublin man, who has just returned to his native city on retirement from the post of Judge of the High Court in Bombay, after thirty-six years' service in India.

The third son of the late Mr. Arthur Lee Barlee, solicitor, of Dublin City, Sir Kenneth was educated at King's School, Warwick, and afterwards entered Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained a senior exhibition and a Classical Scholarship before he passed into the Indian Civil Service in 1901. After a few years he took up the legal branch of the service, was called to the English Bar in 1917, and returned to India as a District Judge. In 1928 he was appointed a Judge of Bombay High Court, and his knighthood was announced in this year's list of Coronation Honours.

Sir Kenneth arrived back in Dublin early this month. He has spent the last week or two in a visit to his sister, who is married and living at Athlone. He has a brother in the Civil Service in Dublin. Another brother, a solicitor, died last year. A third brother—the eldest—also a Trinity man, is a clergyman in Barbadoes, and Sir Kenneth intends to visit him before settling down himself, with his wife, probably in the Eastern Counties of England.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CITY

Seen by an *Irish Times* reporter at his hotel in Dublin yesterday evening, Sir Kenneth, whose youthful appearance belies his compulsory retirement from service under the age limit, said that the thing that struck him, perhaps, most forcibly in Dublin was that little boys, who used to run about the streets winter and summer in the old days, were no longer to be noticed. The youngsters he had seen about now all had footwear of some kind. There was less abject poverty apparent—especially among the poor people, who seemed to be better dressed. He had noticed that especially in the district around



SIR KENNETH BARLEE.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, where barefooted children were always to be seen in the old days.

He confessed that he had not been long enough back in the country to be able to form impressions as to other changes, but he had noted the extensive house-building that had been carried out in the outlying districts, and had also noticed that people appeared to be changing their old residences from centres like Merrion square to the outer suburbs.

IRISHMEN IN INDIA

Talking of affairs in Bombay, both in that city and presidency, he said that there was quite a big percentage of Irish people there, and that they usually got a big crowd for their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. Irishmen seemed to be pulling their weight in India. There are quite a number in the Indian Civil Service, he observed, and there are still many more who have been successful in business, as well as in the educational and engineering professions. There used to be a great many Irishmen, he said, in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and he mentioned in particular General Haughton, who had risen to the top of the tree, and Duncan Harvey, who one time played international three-quarter for Ireland, and was now, he believed, a General.

But, added Sir Kenneth, the Irish get on very well in India, because they appear to understand the Indians, and their problems.

As to conditions in Bombay, he said, the whole mentality had changed there following the setting up of the new Government. That happened only last April, and it was yet too early to express views on the matter, but there appeared to be every indication that the change would work satisfactorily.

A CHANGE

In the old days, as Sir Kenneth Barlee pointed out, the Congress Party were opposed to the Governor and the Civil Service, and with the change coming under the Government of India Act these native leaders feared that the Governor and the Service would be against them—they always regarded the Services as enemies and fought them. But the Governor of Bombay—Lord Brabourne, who had now gone to Bengal—was a man of great tact, and the men who took up the administration in the new Congress saw that they had no reason to mistrust either the Governor or the Services. The new Administration started in a reasonable way, with reasonable men in charge, and he had every reason to believe that they would settle down and work under the new conditions satisfactorily.

In reality, said Sir Kenneth, there is no great change apparent so far as practical administration is concerned. It meant that different people came in and carried on the administration, but in reality no real revolutionary change was carried out. One has to wait to see how the scheme works out. They now have control of their internal administration, including magistrates and police, and as soon as the machinery has been perfected they will also control the post and telegraph services. The appointment of the Judges of the High Courts still rests with the King. (There are thirteen High Court Judges, of whom five are British. One of these was Sir Kenneth Barlee, and another is of Irish parentage.)

The difficult task of making appointments in a country where there is such a marked cleavage as that which exists between Moslems and Hindus has been got over by having all appointments made through a local appointments commission, much in the way that is done in the Irish Free State.

Things are moving very smoothly, he concluded, and one hopes for the best.

CONSTITUTION DAY

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO BE HELD

It was officially announced last night that: "To implore the blessing of Almighty God on the occasion of the inauguration of the Constitution of Ireland, and to invoke the Divine Guidance in all the affairs of the nation and of the State, a Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost will be celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, by kind permission of His Grace the Archbishop, on Wednesday, 29th December, at 10 a.m.; and, by kind permission of the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Divine Service will be held in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. on the same day."

GUINNESS'S FIRST CLASS CLERKSHIPS.
Pupils of ROSSE COLLEGE, 65 Stephen's Green, Dublin, gained 16 of the 19 appointments offered at the last four examinations. Classes resume on Wed., 29th December. —(Advt.)

Coinage Like Ours Desired

Royal Mint Asked for New Designs

HOW the "charming" designs of the Free State coinage created a desire in England for a somewhat similar innovation in British coinage is revealed by Sir Robert Johnson, Deputy Master of the Royal Mint, in his annual report, which was issued last night.

He also disclosed the fact that the abdication of King Edward the Eighth resulted in the scrapping of two hundred coin dies. His report is for 1935 as well as 1936, and he explains that he postponed publication of the report for the former year on account of modifications in the Mint proposals arising from the abdication.

Sir Robert states that Mr. B. Paget and Mr. Percy Metcalfe were among the artists to whom opportunities were given to submit portrait models of King Edward upon his accession. Mr. Paget was selected to execute the uncrowned effigies and Mr. Metcalfe the crowned ones.

ABDICATION UPSET

"The work of the two artists was all but completed when the events of last December rendered it nugatory," he adds. "Over two hundred dies for coins, medals and seals were thus rendered useless, and the Mint was faced with the task of securing portraits of his present Majesty with but limited time available if any coins and medals at all were to be ready by the date of the Coronation."

The new King approved of the suggestion that Mr. Paget and Mr. Metcalfe should prepare new portrait models, and that other versions should not on this occasion be invited, and for the Coronation medals the King and Queen promptly gave sittings.

"The uncrowned effigy of His Majesty prepared by Mr. Paget appears on the new British coinage," the report goes on. "His Majesty's portrait is looking to the left, as did that of his father. Since the first (milled) coin of Charles II. the practice has been with each reign to change the direction of the head on the gold and silver coinage. Whatever reason, if any, there may have been underlying the origin of this custom it has long been forgotten."

The report suggests the jettisoning of this tradition to remove a limitation of an artist in treating a portrait in what he might consider the most acceptable manner. The tradition, however, has not been broken with the coinage of King George VI.

Great consideration had been given to the reverse designs. "During 1936," says Sir Robert, "in the early stages when the coinage for King Edward was in question, I was made aware that some desire existed for a complete departure from the heraldic tradition, which has been associated for several centuries with our principal coins.

"Some held the view that heraldry was not understanded of the people, and that persons unversed in the science would prefer simple pictorial devices upon the coins which they used day by day.

OUR "ZOOLOGICAL" COINS

"No doubt, these ideas have been encouraged by the issue of what I may call, I hope without offence, the 'zoological' coinages, of which the Irish Free State coins are so charming an example, and in which the new issues for New Zealand and Southern Rhodesia may, perhaps, be included.

"The traditional school held firmly that her duty not only affords the best basis for design, but that for one of the few remaining monarchies to abandon it would be little short of disastrous."

To give the "modern" school an opportunity twelve artists were invited to submit ideas. "Unfortunately," says the report, "it was the ideas rather than the execution of them which were found to be lacking. An old country like ours afforded few characteristics eminently peculiar to it."

Civic Week Planned For Belfast

Pageant of Industries Next Year

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

A PRELIMINARY meeting was held in the City Hall, Belfast, to-day, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, to arrange for a Belfast Civic Week in 1938. The proposal was unanimously adopted. A fund is to be raised by public appeal to meet the expense of the project, and it is expected that contributions will also be made by the Northern Government and the Belfast Corporation.

The following attractions were suggested by the Lord Mayor (Sir Crawford McCullagh, Bart.):—

A Civic Ball;

Massed display of children and juvenile activities in Ormeau Park, the embankment and the parks;

Aquatic display—rowing races, swimming, etc.;

Firework display at Bellevue;

Window displays and floodlighting of the principal buildings; and

A pageant representing the growth of Belfast, such as shipbuilding, linen, tobacco, distilling, great scientists, explorers, statesmen, United States Presidents, and Ulster.

AMBITIOUS PROJECT

The Lord Mayor explained that a Civic Week would be on more ambitious lines than the Shopping Week and Window Dressing Competition under the Empire Marketing Board and the Industrial Development Association. It would embrace many features—a scheme of decorations, an exhibition in the windows of the shops, entertainments in the public parks, displays at Bellevue and Hazlewood.

Various dates were suggested for the Civic Week, but not decided upon. Major Stanley, Director of Education, suggested that September should be selected in preference to May, as it would give children in elementary schools a better opportunity of taking part.

It was suggested also that boat races should be held on the River Lagan at Ormeau Park.

The Lord Mayor said that Civic Week would be separate from the exhibition which was being organised.

A committee was appointed, with Mr. Fred. Storey as chairman, to make the arrangements.

'PLANE "MISSED" FOR AN HOUR

SAFE LANDING IN A FIELD

A two-seater aeroplane, which left Lympne yesterday for Redhill and ran into bad weather, was forced down last night in a field at Oxted, after having been "missed" for over an hour. The machine was undamaged and the pilot was unhurt.

Anxiety for the safety of the machine was felt when the pilot failed to arrive at Redhill. It was at first feared that he might have flown over the sea in the mist and the police were asked to watch for wreckage.

CRITICISM OF A PROSPECTUS

THE RIGHT OF THE PRESS TO COMMENT

SHERIFF'S FINDING IN GLASGOW CASE

"A PROSPECTUS issued broadcast to the public must expect criticism from the public Press," and "fair comment on the conduct of people in public affairs is not actionable," were among the observations made by Sheriff Robertson in dismissing, in Glasgow Sheriff Court, an action against Odhams Press, Ltd., of Long Acre, London, in respect of an article in *John Bull*.

The plaintiff was James M. Stewart, of Frankfort street, Glasgow, who was stated to be registered owner of the Ophir, a ship proceeding to discover the sunken Lusitania.

Sheriff Robertson found that the plaintiff's averments were irrelevant and insufficient, and that the article complained of was not capable of bearing the innuendo alleged. He dismissed the action, and found the pursuer liable to the defendants in expenses.

SHERIFF'S NOTE

In a note the Sheriff states that Mr. Stewart sued for £2,500 damages on the ground of defamation, averring that the article was false and calumnious, and held him up to public hatred and contempt as a dishonest adventurer.

The Sheriff stated that the article merely said, concerning Mr. Stewart, that he was the registered owner of the salvage steamer, Ophir, and held shares in a concern known as Argonaut Corporation, Ltd. He was admittedly the registered owner of the boat, although he was not a shareholder in the Argonaut Corporation, and the defendants admitted their error and apologised.

The statement in itself, according to the Sheriff, was not defamatory.

HEADING AND POSTER

The article, continued the Sheriff, was headed "Queer ocean treasure hunt," and Mr. Stewart complained that this heading with a poster bearing the words "Glasgow Firm's Queer Treasure Hunt" showed that the article was an exposure of a swindle. Because of the word "queer" the plaintiff averred that this connoted sharp practice, unscrupulous dealing and an entire want of business morality.

The Sheriff said he could not agree that the term as used was capable of that meaning. It depended on the context. Any ordinary person, he thought, would interpret the word "queer" as meaning strange and out of the ordinary. The unusual activities forecast for the Argonaut Corporation were diving for sponges, pearl shell and bullion from sunken wrecks at hitherto unattainable depths. A diving suit illustrated looked like a weird monster imagined by Mr. H. G. Wells.

While the proposed activities were certainly strange, unusual and out of the ordinary, the article was a commentary on the prospectus of the Argonaut Corporation, Ltd.

The Sheriff stated that the article described the undertaking as decidedly speculative and decidedly not attractive, and expressed the view that investors would be extremely foolish to have anything to do with it.

VOLUNTEERS IN SPAIN

PROBLEM OF NON-INTERVENTION

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS ISSUE

THE Chairman's Sub-Committee of the Non-Intervention Committee yesterday spent several hours on technical details, which will lead to an investigation some time in the New Year of the "complicated problems of an administrative order involved in the plan for the withdrawal of foreign volunteers" from Spain.

An official *communiqué* issued last night stated that the Committee agreed on all outstanding points regarding the mandate to be given to the commissions to be sent to Spain to supervise the withdrawal of volunteers.

The Committee again discussed the composition of the commissions, and agreed "without prejudice to the exact form to be given to them" that the representatives on the Sub-committee should start informal discussions about the matter. They talked of the grant of belligerent rights to the two sides, and agreed on the manner in which outstanding questions should be dealt with.

The Committee also agreed to a proposal by Mr. Hemming, Secretary of the International Board, that he should be authorised, as from January 1 next, to incur a sum not exceeding £5,000 from the existing international fund in order to make a start with the investigation.

This was done, with a view to reducing the period which must in any case elapse between the date on which the plan is finally adopted and that on which it can be put into effect, stated the *communiqué*.

MAISKY'S VIEWS

M. Maisky, in his speech to the Committee, made reservations on the belligerent rights issue. He demanded that a deletion of points in the technical advisory sub-committee's report exempting from the right of unmolested passage the ships which are "directly or indirectly" chartered by "the official authorities" or are "under the direct orders or effective control of an agent. . . placed on board by official authorities" of either Spanish party.

This extended far beyond the scope of limited belligerent rights envisaged by the British plan, and would not only greatly augment the number of ugly incidents on the high seas, but would also make any legitimate trade with Spain quite impossible.

"We can avoid difficulties and complications," he said, "only by stating clearly that the right of unmolested passage depends solely on the kind of cargo carried in the holds of the ships."

Later he said: "The Soviet Government considers it absolutely indispensable to secure that the practical application of limited belligerent rights will be exercised by the naval forces, which are at the present time genuinely at the disposal of each side.

NAVAL FORCES

"This precaution is extremely important, as past experience has taught us on more than one occasion, that the naval forces of at least one side in this conflict are capable of being swollen at practically a moment's notice by vessels of an unknown nationality.

"The Nyon Conference, and the Nyon agreement, arose from this phenomenon."

DEATH SENTENCE ON ARAB

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

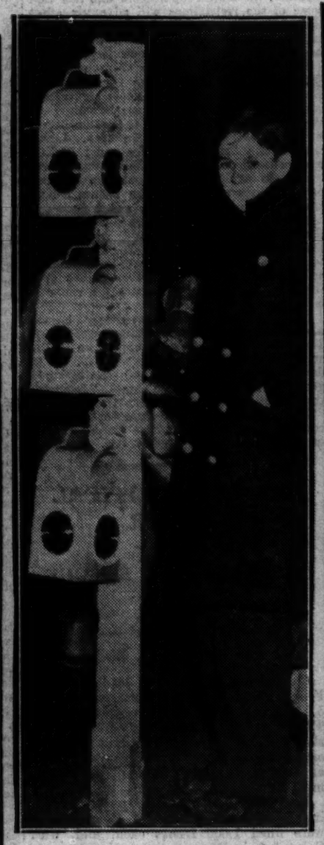
HAIFA, Wednesday.

Sentence of death has been passed by a military court at Nablus on an Arab named Ibrahim Hassan Nahar. He was arrested during a military search and accused of carrying loaded firearms.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS : SANDFORD PARK SCHOOL

"GREAT EXPECTATIONS."—Preparing for Christmas.

A SCENE from the pantomime "Puss in Boots," as it will be presented at the Bernadette Hall, Richmond Hill, in aid of the Rathmines Church Restoration Fund.



WARNING LIGHTS, which have been installed on the pedestrians' traffic island at Nelson Pillar. Left: A small shopper decides what he will buy himself for Christmas. Right: Waiting for the homeward tram—one day's shopping finished.

A DECEMBER VIEW of the Grand Canal.

A GROUP taken at the annual prize-distribution ceremony at Sandford Park School, Ranelagh. In front (from left): Dr. V. M. Synge, Dr. L. Abrahamson, Mr. John Cudahy (U.S. Minister), Dr. C. W. Robinson (Chairman), M. Maurice Goor (Belgian Consul-General), Mr. A. D. Cordner (Headmaster), and Mrs. Morrow (Matron).

A STRIKING HEAD-DRESS, which was worn by Miss Sibyl Sheroitz, daughter of Mrs. Sheroitz, of St. John's Wood, and formerly of Dublin, for her marriage, at Hallam street Synagogue, London, with Mr. Maurice Dover, son of Mr. I. Dover, of Liverpool.

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CHRISTMAS WEEK

ITS WORRIES AND WANTS

A TRYING TIME FOR FATHER

ONE does not need to have the knowledge bestowed by years to be convinced that there is no week in the year like that of Christmas, and those who have lived through many of them will be devoutly thankful that there is not.

Nearly all of both sexes are delighted with it, because it gives them an excuse for scurrying around, making their neighbours feel that they have numerous friends to think about. Fussy people of that kind unquestionably have a good time before Christmas, provided funds outlast their fussiness. Their time is as precious as a Cabinet Minister's, and their acts, in their opinion, as important. The suggestion of a neighbour to "drop in" some evening is entirely out of place at such a season.

"Oh, dear, no, not now, but after Christmas I shall be so delighted! but really you must excuse me now."

Go where one may, and no matter what kind of people one happens to meet with—it is all the same; everyone seems to have caught the shopping fever, and its outward symptom consists in enjoying the hustle of hurrying from shop to shop.

CRITICS OF CHRISTMAS

But there is another, though less numerous, section who regard with undisguised disapproval all the worry and excitement that these shoppers manifest. They do not belong to the misanthropists who regard Christmas, with all its concomitants, as a time of impoverishment and extravagance, or to those who would spend, if they could, but to that class of unemotional, insentient people who feel that it is doing violence to Nature's ordinances to disturb the everyday run of things, and, as it were, throw society completely out of gear. For all the upsetting of household regularity, late dinners, letters unanswered, appointments broken, there seems to them not a particle of justification.

There is no earthly reason, they insist, for this irritating disturbance of their domestic equilibrium.

But, rail as they may, there is an unescapable influence in the time, which compels the most indifferent to realise that these days are precious for rich and poor, and to urge to make preparations is all-pervading and irresistible. The most case-hardened of misanthropists has to secretly acknowledge it. The atmosphere is too strongly diffused with the spirit of good fellowship for them not to realise it. The confirmed bachelor may proclaim his insouciance, that Christmas is not more to him than any other time of the year, that its claims and importunities make him wish for it to be over.

Though he says so, he knows differently. There is a cell in his sub-conscious life which is charged with memories of bygone Christmases, when in his boyhood's days smiling faces and merry laughter enlivened the family fireside, and now does he not give a passing thought to some old schoolmate long resident in some far-off land? Even this morning from the only one of all his old companions still only a few score of miles away from him, did he not receive an invitation to come and spend Christmas with him.

CHRISTMAS MAILS

No matter how dead to sentiment a man may be, he cannot keep the postman from the door at this time of year, any more than the rest of his species. These letters which come to hand before Christmas have a sacred appeal that cannot be ignored, they are links with the years when life was radiant and full of cheer, and to treat them indifferently would only be to provide a ground for repining and self-accusation in later years. There is one particular letter which strikes an old, familiar personal note, full of touching retrospections, and illumined with the light of bygone years, which is too sacred to be cast lightly aside. It revives memories which at this time, above all others, will persist in having a prominent place in a bachelor's reveries—the images of home and holiday enjoyment and all the idealisations that contributed to making the family reunion an occasion of unalloyed pleasure. Its thoughtful invitation is altogether too generous to be declined, so the recipient begins to feel the cockles of his heart grow warmer and believes that the voice of an old acquaintance who shared in his youthful escapades would again be music in his ears.

So, forthwith preparations are made, the railway guide is consulted, and a heart that had become dejected by the ill-usage and disappointments of life begins to feel a hundred sensations in all the gladsome, festive activity of the week. People of that kind are not the self-centred, callous individuals that they are frequently supposed to be. It only needs a little beam of human kindness to melt their frigidity, and make them feel the fraternal and uplifting spirit of Christmas.

POOR FATHER!

But the individual who, above all others, deserves a world of sympathy these strenuous days is purse-depleted paterfamilias. Willy-nilly, he has to submit to all the sieges made upon him by his young hopefuls. Of course, he is always declaring that he is going to run away beyond the reach of all this importuning and pestering, but he never shows any sign of doing so, and after a few sighs and *sotto voce* comments succumbs to each applicant. For the father of a bunch of boys and girls the week before Christmas is even more trying than the days before a Chancellor of the Exchequer discloses his budget. The Minister may see his way financially clear for the coming year, but the head of the household may feel himself in a very dubious position if he yields to all the demands made upon him. One can feel for him if he shows something of the worried manner characteristic of hospital patients subjected to phlebotomy when called upon to part with more blood than their strength permitted of.

There are the boys, of course, just home from school. They have no sooner made their appearance than the whole domestic arrangements suffer an unceremonious upset. Easter or summer holidays see them arrive in a more subdued mood. But at Christmas hilarity and exuberance of spirits must break out, and an acceptance of all their freaks and whimsicalities must, perforce of circumstances, be yielded to. For *mater familias*, always prepared to adopt the line of least resistance, never forgets to remind her better-half, "We won't always have them with us." Ordinary youths do not at other holiday times feel themselves the chartered libertines that they conceive that they have the privilege to be at Christmas, and, if orders are not too severe, they will generally obey them. They feel that they have a right to be amused, and to disregard any irksome restraints on them.

The pantomimes, of course, do not begin until Boxing Day, and the most insistent of the young people do not want to be brought to entertainments before then. But there are the Christmas presents to be thought of. Santa Claus is a most beneficent personage, but his mysterious gifts have mostly an occult connection with paternal foresight and with the paternal purse. It is no easy business this, of settling the distribution of gifts to which so many eager minds are passionately looking forward. Are they books? If so, what ones? Will Jack be pleased with the adventure story which his father believed afforded all the thrills that should enrapture a youth of fourteen or fifteen, or will he protest that he had his heart set upon some epic tale of air travel? Will Joe accept with delight a case of mathematical instruments which has been designedly chosen by a fond father to sharpen his scientific faculty, or would he have reacted more to one of the latest automatic gimcracks born of German inventiveness? The selective instinct with fathers and mothers is not always unerring in the case of sons; but with daughters and those in their teens it is taxed to its utmost powers and frequently with uninspiring results.

The task of suiting their tastes would defy the wisdom of Minerva. Their ideas, in whatever shape or form they express them, are not unsophisticated, and invariably imply a preference for gifts whose acquirement is not always in keeping with the purchasing power of the paternal purse.

So it often happens in the week before Christmas that, with all the worry and hustle over present-buying, the givers and the getters are more disappointed than they were before it.

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Morning Prayer at 10.45 o'clock. Benedictus. Carol, XII. Carol Service at 8 p.m.

HORSES IN TRAINING

PROMISING 'CHASERS

Mr. Fetherstonhaugh's Stable at Loughbrown Cottage

By Our Curragh Correspondent.

THE Loughbrown Cottage trainer has in his long career trained numerous winners of flat races, including the Irish One Thousand Guineas and the Irish Cesarewitch (twice), but he has always had steeplechasers and hurdlers under his charge, and with the majority of these jumpers he has done wonderfully well. At Carrick, near Mullingar, where he resided before coming several seasons back to headquarters, he was responsible for the primary education of those famous Grand National performers, Ballyboggan, Sergeant Murphy and Shaun Spadah, and then at the Curragh he prepared Copper Court to win the Irish Grand National, and that high-class 'chaser, Hy-Spy, whom he managed by the most careful treatment to maintain in sound condition for several years.

GOOD MATERIAL

He has just now a promising lot of jumpers. A goodly proportion of these hold engagements at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting next Monday and Tuesday, and, despite the severe weather experienced lately, they will be found fairly fit. The four-year-old Clinty is a likely sort for the major obstacles eventually, and it will be remembered that he won on the flat at Mullingar. Lady Athlumney's Shillelagh will be got ready for Punchestown, and a promising recruit to 'chasing also is Kildorrery Star, who is from the dam of Cupid's Cottage.

Symaethis, beaten a short head on the flat at Baldoyle, is sure to be prominent among the maiden 'chasers, and Mr. Rank's Narraghmore may make his mark in a similar class of contest. The French-bred Opticien II. has won over hurdles, and Pulcher is a fine stamp of 'chaser. He won two races last season, one of his victories being in the Troytown Plate and Cup at the Navan October meeting. Eagle's Picture was placed on a few occasions on the flat, and as a four-year-old he will improve on these performances. Baby's Son is from a half-sister to that once excellent 'chaser, also trained by Mr. Fetherstonhaugh, Francis Browne, and Swing Time is a half-sister to Beachway.

All Hid and Anyway were useful winners of two-year-old races. All Hid beat The Abbess in the Greer Plate at the first May meeting at Phœnix Park. By Ut Majeur, she is from the Guiness winner, Spy-Ann, and her three-year-old career should be interesting. Anyway is owned by Mr. R. B. Henry, and hers was a popular win in the Waterford Testimonial.

The two-year-olds all promise well. The colt by Singapore is a half-sister to All Hid, while Lady's Smock is bred to race and should do so. Lover's Knot is quite a taking sort, and the filly Maevio, by Singapore—Loligo, is well engaged. Wandsworth is Tully-bred, by Bosworth—Fairy Godmother by Diligence, and the dam has been a most successful brood mare.

HORSES IN TRAINING

(AGES AS FOR 1938).

PRAYER BOOK, br. g., a., by Kirk-Alloway—Vida.
PULCHER, b. or br. g., a., by Pucka Sahib—Dowery.
SYMAETHIS, br. m., 6 yrs., by Poor Man—Mount Etna's Sister.
OPTICIEN II., br. g., 6 yrs., by Brumaire—Oculiste.
SHILLELAGH, br. g., 5 yrs., by Irish Battle—Annagurtha.
NARRAGHMORE, b. g., 5 yrs., by La Brige—White Sport.
KILDORRERY STAR, b. g., 4 yrs., by Sherwood Star—Kiss Me.
CLINTY, ch. g., 4 yrs., by Defiance—Ruddygirl.
EAGLE'S PICTURE, br. g., 4 yrs., by Exeter—Eagle's Flight.
SWING TIME, br. f., 4 yrs., by Buchan Hill—Melbeach.
BABY SON, b. g., 3 yrs., by Hakem—Sun Baby.
ALL HID, b. f., 3 yrs., by Ut Majeur—Spy-Ann.
ANYWAY, b. f., 3 yrs., by Grand Glacier—The Widow Murphy.
HOLY SMOKE, ch. g., 3 yrs., by Brumeux—Fair Nun.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

CH. C. by Singapore—Spy-Ann.
LADY'S SMOCK, br. f. by Apron—Lady Hurry.
LOVER'S KNOT, br. f. by Young Lover—Quadruple.
RENIO, b. or br. f. by Empire Builder—Juliet.
MAEVIO, br. f. by Singapore—Loligo.
WANDSWORTH, b. f. by Bosworth—Fairy Godmother.

Owners for whom training—Right Hon. T. K. Laidlaw, Mr. R. Laidlaw, Mr. J. V. Rank, Lt.-Col. G. Loder, Lt.-Col. Hill-Dillon, Col. Clarke, Col. Scott Moore, Lady Athlumney, Lady Constance Butler, Mr. S. G. Haughton, Mr. C. Yarrum, Mr. R. B. Henry.

Jockeys—T. Cullen, J. Costello, P. Graham and A. Power.

SPORTING GOSSIP

T. Isaac Recovered

T. Isaac, who was injured in a motoring accident recently, expects to be able to resume riding on Boxing Day.

Le Bambino Retired

The three years old Le Bambino, owned by Mr. R. B. Strassburger, has left Beckhampton for France, where he will be retired to the stud.

Jockey's Engagements

B. Hobbs will ride at Wolverhampton on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Riders for Golden Miller

F. Walwyn will have the mount on Golden Miller in the Sparkford Steeplechase at Wincanton on Monday. H. Nicholson will ride Golden Miller in his subsequent race at Sandown Park.

To Be Trained by Donoghue

S. Donoghue's team has been augmented by the arrival of an unnamed yearling from France.

For the Stud

Little Wyvis, aged mare by Transcendant out of Countess Eva, has been sent to the Cotteslowe Stud, Leighton Buzzard, to be mated with Gay Light. Mr. F. Sedgwick sold the mare recently to Mr. D. Crossman.

Apprentice's Operation

Stanley Middleton, apprenticed to Captain Percy Whitaker, the Newmarket trainer, was operated on in the Rous Memorial Hospital at Newmarket yesterday for appendicitis. Middleton is one of the most successful of the younger school of jockeys.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH TRANSFERS

Mr. James McGrory, the former Celtic centre-forward, who was recently appointed manager of Kilmarnock F.C., carried through his first capture by obtaining the transfer of Wilson Marsh, the Dundee goalkeeper. Marsh hails from Sheffield and went to Dundee from Chelsea).

P. R. Watson, Blackpool's Scottish international centre-half, was yesterday transferred to Barnsley. Blackpool paid Hamilton Academicals £4,000 in 1932 for Watson's signature, and in 1934 he played for Scotland against Austria.

Notts County and Bournemouth have exchanged centre-forwards. Riley, the Bournemouth leader, will play for Notts County on Christmas Day in place of Hughie Gallacher, the Scottish international, and Mardon, the Notts County reserve centre-forward, will take Riley's place in the Bournemouth side.

A SPORTING GESTURE

Swansea Town, members of the Second Division of the Football League, have received an offer from their neighbours, Llanelly, who play in the Welsh League, to call upon any players on the Llanelly books whenever they choose. Swansea, low down in the Second Division, have suffered heavily from injuries from the beginning of the season. Llanelly say that the question of a fee or transfer will not arise, but that they feel it is their duty to offer what assistance they can.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

Compton Selling Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Roman Book.
Bushbury Selling Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Owens, Mospey.
Amateurs' Handicap Steeplechase, Kempton—Archman.
Wilts Selling Steeplechase, Newbury—Knight Gambler.
Round the World Handicap Hurdle, Derby—Golden Crown.
Belgrave Stayers' Hurdle, Leicester—Golden Crown.
Castle Selling Handicap Hurdle, Manchester—Golden Crown.
Victory Steeplechase, Manchester—Macaulay.
All engagements—Lyndora, Flaxley Chuck, Barrystar, Barry D'Or, Cordilleras Amber Warning, Straight Tip, Neferati, Electrotint, Verona, Aberdare, and Golden Spire.
All published handicaps—Knight of Mourne, Princess Avril.

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HUNTING

FINGAL HARRIERS

These hounds were not able to keep their appointment at Roganstown owing to frost and snow.

A large company met hounds on Tuesday last at The Boot Inn in perfect hunting weather. Scent remained very good throughout the day and followers had to ride hard to keep hounds in sight. We found immediately on Mr. Byrne's stud field farm at Dunbroe and before many of the pack were aware of it the pack flashed across the St. Margaret's road into Coultry, and almost at racing pace went on by Portmellick and through Harristown to the Merryfalls; then on to Dubber, where fresh hares getting up, hounds were stopped, as we were a long way out of our beat. Finding again in the College farm, our quarry made a big circle through Pickardstown before going on to Kingston, where she ran back to the place of finding, and we left her. Our next draw was Mr. Weldon's farm, where puss took the hunt over the well-known double, and crossing Barberstown went on to The Forest. Bearing to the right here, the pack worked very fast almost to the kennels at Killeek, where they ran into their quarry, and as everybody had had enough nothing further was done.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Friday, 24th	Ashbourne	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Narraghmore Village	11.0
Friday, 24th	Sherlockstown Cross-roads	11.0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Brittas	11.0
Friday, 24th	Kilmore Cross-roads	11.0

THE MEATH HOUNDS.—Change of Meet—These hounds will meet at Kilmoon Cross-roads on Friday, December 31, instead of at Corbalton Hall.

KILKENNY HOUNDS.—Change of Meet—Ballykeeffe Cross-roads on Friday, December 31st, instead of on Thursday, December 30th. A "cap" will be taken for Earl Haig's Fund on Monday, December 27th.

CLARE HOUNDS.—December—Thursday, 30th, Ennis. January—Monday, 3rd, Quin; Friday, 7th, Shepperton; Monday, 10th, Barefield; Thursday, 13th, Buncraggy; Monday, 17th, Spancilhill; Thursday, 20th, Hurlers' Cross; Monday, 24th, Corbally; Thursday, 27th, Crusheen; Monday, 31st, Latoon. At 12 o'clock.

BRAY HARRIERS.—Monday, December 27th, Calary, 1.30.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HARRIERS.—December—Wednesday, 29th, special children's day at Springvale. January—Saturday, 1st, Rathcoole; Wednesday, 5th, Brittas; Saturday, 8th, Crumlin; Wednesday, 12th, Enfield (joint meet with Kill Harriers); Saturday, 15th, Inchicore; Saturday, 22nd, Kingswood; Wednesday, 26th, Esker, Lucan; Saturday, 29th, Balrothery. At 2 o'clock.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—Friday, 24th December, Turvey; Tuesday, 28th December, Rathkeale; Friday, 31st December, Naul. Hour of meet, 12 o'c n

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GOLF

CLUB NOTICES

PORTMARNOCK.

Monday, December 27th—Fourball bogey. The clubhouse will be closed on Christmas Day at 2.30 p.m.

LAYTOWN AND BETTYSTOWN.

Christmas hamper result—C. Tiernan (8), 66; D. Somers (6), 66; C. Murdock (14), 67; T. Delany (best gross), 75. Committee's prize—P. Gray (10), 68.

CO. KILDARE.

Ladies' Branch.—Nine holes, stroke—Miss S. Gorry (8), 35. Best gross—Miss H. Gorry and Miss Langan tied. Sunday, December 26th—Nine holes, stroke. Draw 2.30.

DUNDALK.

Eclectic competition (Christmas hamper)—L. Murphy (23) 63; L. O'Callaghan (17), 64.

KILCRONEY.

Mixed two-club nine-hole competition, held on Saturday last—Miss M. A. Doyle and Mr. Ross Huis, 41; G. P. G. Beckett and Mrs. Beckett, 41¼; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smyth, 42½.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD G.S.

At Milltown. Morning, stroke—J. C. Brady (17), 70; T. H. Loder (11), 13 and under, 73; M. F. Hopkins (14), 14 and over, 74; R. D. Murphy 16), 74. Winner of special prize presented by the captain (Mr. M. J. Power)—T. S. Moran (17), 74. Afternoon, fourball—H. M. Stanley (6) and D. H. Meredith (7), 1 up; B. G. Wyllie (6) and T. H. Loder (11), 1 up.

HERMITAGE.

To-day—Course open.

SWIMMING

NORTH DUBLIN WINTER CLUB

The North Dublin Winter Swimming Club will hold two cup races at Clontarf Baths on Christmas Day. Mr. Gavigan, a club member, has presented one cup, and the other, the Grenfell Memorial Cup, has been put up by the club to perpetuate the memory of the late Connell Grenfell, a former member. These will be perpetual challenge cups, to be competed for annually on Christmas Day.

Judging by the entries in the club's weekly races, a big muster of competitors is expected on Saturday.

Entries for both races close at 12 o'clock, and the first is timed to start at 12.15. The usual weekly club races will take place on St. Stephen's Day, entries closing at 12.45.

Results of last Sunday's events:—O'Reilly Cup—1, T. Reid; 2, W. Byrne; 3, A. Dunne. Time—21 secs. McPartland Cup—1, C. J. Smith; 2, P. Condon; 3, J. Oliver. Time—25 secs.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

WICKLOW CONVENT FINISH STRONGLY

U.C.D. .... 4 WICKLOW CONVENT 3

Dominican Convent, Wicklow, made a good recovery in their match yesterday at Belfield. After being three goals down at the interval, they scored three times in the second half and finished the odd goal down in seven. At the interval University College led by three goals to nil, Misses McHale (2) and McMahon being the scorers. In the second half Wicklow Convent did most of the attacking, and Misses Scott (2) and Tench scored. Miss McHale got the fourth for U.C.D.

BOXING

McAVOY'S LATEST CHALLENGER

HARDY WANTS BOUT FOR CRUISER TITLE

Bill Hardy, the Midland cruiser-weight champion, is the latest challenger for Jock McAvoy's British title. Mr. J. Best, the promoter, has made offers to McAvoy and Hardy for a fight at Leicester next month, and Mr. George Biddle, Hardy's manager, who has accepted the terms on behalf of his man, stated yesterday that Hardy has challenged McAvoy for a side stake of £250, provided that the British title is at stake. Hardy has two points' victories to his credit over Frank Hough, of Battersea, a contender for McAvoy's cruiser-weight championship.

TRIP TO AMERICA FOR LYDON

"BUT ONLY TO LOOK ROUND," SAYS BROADRIBB

Ted Broadribb, who managed and seconded Tommy Farr in his first bid for the world heavy-weight championship against Joe Louis last August, denied yesterday a report that he will second James J. Braddock against Farr at Madison Square Garden on January 21. "I would not go into Braddock's corner against Farr, and, in any case, I do not suppose the former world champion or his manager would ask me to act as adviser," Broadribb said. "In fact, I would not second any other than a British boxer against Farr.

"I hope to sail for America soon after Christmas, and if I do go I shall see the fight, but only as a spectator. I hope to take my latest heavy-weight discovery, Dom Lydon, with me, but I shall only give him a look round and enable him to obtain some experience."

JAKE KILRAIN DEAD

LAST OF THE BARE-KNUCKLE FIGHTERS

QUINCY (MASSACHUSETTS), Wednesday.

The last link with the famous old bare-knuckle days of fighting has been severed by the death to-day, after a long illness, of Jake Kilrain.

Kilrain was never officially recognised as world heavy-weight champion, but he came very near to it. On July 8, 1889, he fought his most memorable battle with John L. Sullivan at Richburg, New Orleans, and the contest lasted seventy-five rounds. It was the last world championship fight ever held under the old English prize-fighting rules. The referee, John Fitzpatrick, announced Sullivan as the winner, but Kilrain always maintained that he won that fight. After the contest both champion and challenger were arrested, and Kilrain got a sentence of two months for assault and battery.

Kilrain had his last fight at Baltimore in 1896, when he was knocked out in the first round by Frank Slavin. Kilrain, whose real name was John Joseph Killion, had been in hospital here for some months. He was 78.

Kilrain and Jem Smith were the first prize-fighters to battle for so large a purse as £2,000. They did so in France on December 19, 1887, with the world championship at stake, and they "agreed to a draw." When Kilrain fought Sullivan at Richburg the match was for £2,000 a side.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB AND BOARD OF CONTROL

Commenting upon the "split" between the National Sporting Club and the British Boxing Board of Control yesterday, Mr. C. F. Donmall, Secretary of the Board, said that so far they had had no communication from the club regarding their withdrawal from the Southern Branch. The National Sporting Club's decision to withdraw their representative was confirmed by Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, the chairman, last week.

The National Sporting Club objected to the recent change in the Board's constitution, which meant that the club would in future have to submit their representative for election, instead of having the unqualified right of nominating a member to sit on the Council of the Southern Branch.

AL BROWN'S K.-O. WIN

PARIS, Wednesday.

Al Brown, former world bantam-weight champion, knocked-out Young Perez, of France, ex-fly-weight world champion, in the fifth of a ten rounds contest here to-night.

ZWICK'S PERMIT TO END

The Stewards of the British Boxing Board of Control have refused to grant an extension of permit to Phil Zwick, the American light-weight, who, according to the Board of Control, has only had two contests in the permitted period of six months, and is likely to be out of the ring for some time with an injured arm.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

SURREY CHAMPIONS OF SOUTH-EAST GROUP

Defeating Hampshire at Portsmouth yesterday by a penalty goal and three tries to two tries, Surrey won the South-Eastern group title for the first time since 1922, and so qualified to meet the winners of the South-Western section in the semi-final of the county championship. There is a triple dead-heat in the South-West, and Gloucestershire, Devon and Cornwall have to play a knock-out tournament before the side to meet Surrey can be decided.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DRAW

Draw for semi-finals—Division A a bye; Division C v. Division B. Date to be arranged later.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE

Monkstown Schoolboys v. St. Mary's College Schoolboys. Sydney Parade, 2.30.

TEAM.

St. Mary's Schoolboys—G. Norton; T. Coveney, G. K. Boyd (capt.), T. Bergin, J. McKay; N. G. F. O'Connell, N. Becker; K. Young, H. P. Clifton, D. J. McGuinn, C. Kelly, P. Heaney, J. M. O'Connell, J. Burgess, P. M. Redmond.

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LACROSSE

DUBLIN V. BELFAST

The Dublin team to play Belfast on January 3rd at Railway Union ground at 12 o'clock is:—Misses B. Campbell, J. Millar, R. Mayne, J. Wilson, B. Scott, P. McPetridge, J. Lombard, R. Cox, S. Green, A. Darley, C. Mitchell, H. Griffith.

Also:—Misses L. Lombard, L. McDonnell, J. Kerr, K. Stokes, M. Ackerley, D. Maddock, J. Lewis, C. Richards-Orpen, K. Denham, J. Thompson.

These and all other players wishing to compete in the Irish trials on January 3rd and 4th should communicate with Miss B. Scott, La Vallee, Dargle road, Bray.

THE LADY HARTY CUP

The tournament for the Lady Harty Cup will be played on Monday, 10th January. Those wishing to play should send their names and place on the field to Miss J. Lombard, 10 Ailesbury Grove, Ballsbridge.

PIONEERS' CLUB

There will be no practice to-day.

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CRICKET

AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR ENGLAND

MAILEY'S VIEWS ON THE SELECTION

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Discussing the composition of the Australian team for England, Arthur Mailey says:—"We must have McCormick, O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith at any cost in our Test team. Therefore, we must forfeit the possibility of picking a team that may bat to the last man. While Grimmett and Ward would probably be successful in England we cannot afford this luxury in view of the certainty of the selection of O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith.

"Either Grimmett or Ward, or both, must stay at home. otherwise we would have to sacrifice one or two most promising batsmen of the younger generation. The bright opening partnership of Badcock and Rigg in the Testimonial match whetted the appetites of cricket enthusiasts for more enterprising opening batsmen.

"There is a great demand for more action early in the innings in order to relieve the strain on Bradman and McCabe, who now are expected, by aggressive methods, to reinstate the team's batting prestige when an unaggressive opening partnership has failed."

HAZARE'S FINE BOWLING

INDORE, Wednesday.

Fine bowling by Hazare caused Lord Tennyson's XI. to collapse here to-day in their three-day match with Central India. Worthington and Gibb, however, made a good stand, and eventually the tourists took their total to 192, which gave them a lead of one run on the first innings. Hazare, a medium-paced, off-break bowler, took 6 wickets for 54. In view of to-day's performance it is likely that he will play in the next Test. Score:—

CENTRAL INDIA—First Innings—191.

LORD TENNYSON'S XI.—First Innings.

Edrich b. Naidu	11
McCorkell c. Naidu b. Hazare	18
Hardstaff b. Hazare	6
N. W. D. Yardley l.b.w. b. Hazare	21
Langridge l.b.w. b. Hazare	20
Worthington c. Naidu b. Hazare	62
Pope l.b.w. b. Naidu	0
Capt. T. O. Jameson c. Ziaul Hussain b. Mushtaq Ali	8
P. A. Gibb b. Naidu	31
Gover not out	5
I. A. R. Peebles c. Bhaudarkar b. Hazare	0
Extras	10
Total	192

Bowling—C. K. Naidu 3 for 70, Hazare 6 for 54, Mushtaq Ali 1 for 5.

CENTRAL INDIA—Second Innings.

Bhandarkar not out	20
Yusuf Ali not out	10
Extras	10
Total (for no wkt.)	40

COURSING

MOONCOIN—MONDAY

TRIAL STAKE—For 16 dog puppies. Mr. P. O'Toole's Old Radnor v. Mr. C. McCarthy's Suspicion Again; Mr. P. Joyce's Jovial Peer v. Mr. J. Hurley's Our Denis; Mr. W. Twyford's Tantus v. Mr. J. Sheehan's Spotted Jim; Mr. P. J. O'Hanlon's Hopeless Case v. Mr. D. O'Brien's Big Stock; Mr. Kenny's Danno's Bank v. Mr. T. F. Lynch's Lucky Combination; Mr. R. Carroll's Carolina Prince v. Mr. P. Fitzgerald's Inspector Tom; Mr. M. Dalton's Duty Double v. Mr. T. Fitzgerald's Rosetown Rambler; Mr. M. Mahessy's Crocking Hackle v. Mr. W. Twyford's Tallus.

KILMACOW STAKES—For 15 bitch puppies. Mr. M. Quinn's Quick Revenge v. Mr. P. Walsh's Well Trained; Mr. T. Galvin's Guilcagh Poppy v. Mr. S. King's Gentle Judy; Mr. M. Dalton's Doctor's Lady v. Mr. P. Healy's Lily King; Mr. J. Kelly's Lowry's Bridge v. Miss Skehan's Smiling Cutlet; Mr. W. Hartley's Bow Window v. Mr. D. Kirwan's Willing Lawyer; Mr. M. Butler's Brianstown v. Mr. R. Ivory's Queen Mother; Mr. D. Kiersey's Peg Macgreg v. Mr. R. Walsh's Glory's Sister; Mr. P. Power's Carrigavantry Lass a bye.

SILVERSPRING STAKES—For 16 all ages. Mr. W. Walsh's Dashing Ryland v. Mr. J. O'Loughlin's Last Lesson; Miss K. Walsh's Ya Ya v. Mr. D. Byrne's Brave Duke; Mr. W. Galgey's April Glow v. Mr. M. Kennedy's Gaulstown Buzzer; Mr. J. Powell's Forward All v. Mrs. Coghlan's Charleroi; Mr. E. Morrissey's Munster Chief v. Miss M. Carey's Roving Sender; Mr. E. McDonald's Mullinavat Luck v. Mr. G. Blanchfield's Dee Cut; Miss M. Frisby's Real Biddy v. Mr. M. O'Dwyer's Noble Widow; Mr. R. Walshe's Suirview v. Mr. S. Finn's Cutie's Pet.

CARRIGEEN STAKES—For 16 two-course all ages. Mr. P. Dalton's Doctor's Care v. Mr. J. N. Walsh's Carick Cheer; Mr. W. Flynn's Friendly Relation v. Mr. T. Flynn's Fancy Cutlet; Mr. W. Pierce's Point Duty v. Mr. R. Carroll's Con the Idar; Mr. M. O'Neill's Ballykeoghan Boy v. Mr. N. Hennebry's Hurrah the Robin; Mr. W. Kearns's Black Wednesday v. Mrs. C. Morrissey's Morning Nap; Mr. W. Doherty's Dreaming Lady v. Mr. R. Harney's Huckaback; Mr. M. Dalton's Royal Poppy v. Mr. J. McCarthy's Junmoge Luck; Mr. W. Power's Peg's Piccaninny v. Miss M. Carey's Bunty's Lassie.

LOCAL STAKES—For 16 two-course all ages. Mr. E. Dunphy's Darrigle Quay v. Mr. A. G. Bowers's Mooncoin Nigger; Mr. R. McDonald's Ballineala Champion v. Mr. M. Carroll's Carroll's Reel; Mr. M. O'Neill's Ballykeoghan Lad v. Mr. P. Brennan's Ballygriffin; Mr. T. Quinn's Quassia v. Mr. E. Carroll's Mooncoin Danny; Mr. W. Flynn's Friendly Favour v. Mr. J. Grant's Gladiola; Mr. E. Moore's Mooncoin Colleen v. Mr. J. Hennebry's Here Mona; Mr. J. Maher's Madame Sandills v. Mr. M. Keane's Moore's Kitty; Mr. J. Walsh's Good Wishes v. Mr. J. O'Shea's Greenville Queen.

BOYNE VALLEY—MONDAY

TRIAL STAKE—For 7 dog puppies.—Mr. J. Bruton's Brown Raven v. Miss M. Coogan's Hill Trotter; Mr. S. Lynch's Embargo Off v. Mr. P. Daly's Faithful China; Mr. C. Hickey's Handy Range v. Miss J. Gavin's Fierce Gambler; Mr. S. O'Durnin's Windy Mist a bye.

FOLLISTOWN STAKE—For 8 bitch puppies.—Mr. J. Farrelly's Pretty Sandills v. Mr. P. Macken's Long Ambition; Mr. W. Walls's nom. v. Mr. B. Cassidy's Lady Gress; Mr. J. Clarke's Nellie's Best v. Mr. J. Kinsella's She's the One; Mr. M. Casey's Loanda Lass v. Mr. G. Knight's Diana's Double.

BOYNE VALLEY STAKE—For 8 all ages.—Mr. P. Sherwin's Town Champion v. Mr. P. Kavanagh's Knabo; Mr. G. Ormsby's Martin Meere v. Mrs. F. D. Cox's Tobershiel Tom; Mrs. Ormsby's Lough Heart v. Mr. J. Giles's Tailte Rose; Mr. P. Caffrey's Godiva's Turn v. Mr. M. Martin's Cash.

SIMONSTOWN STAKE—For 13 two-course all ages—Mr. P. Sherwin's Spike Park v. Mr. G. Flood's Hard Up Street; Mr. J. Maguire's Very Lucky v. Mrs. A. C. Davenish Meare's Drumraney; Mr. P. Heary's Old Rathbran v. Mrs. Ormsby's Red Comet; Mrs. Malone's Canda Longa v. Mr. J. Delaney's Mr. Stockwell; Mr. J. Gilsenan's Glorious Games v. Mrs. T. Harty's Madam Stockwell; Mr. P. Flanagan's Ramble Alone v. Mr. W. Reilly's Selfish Sister; Mr. J. McManus's Girl Sheila a bye.

NAVAN STAKE—For 16 one-course all ages—Miss D. Cruise's Churchill Coin v. Mr. P. Loughran's Last Round; Mr. J. Cantwell's Silver Trumpet v. Mr. W. McGrath's Majestic Charm; Mr. P. Kinsella's Be Careful v. Mr. P. Fagan's What a Shock; Mr. J. Sherlock's Oatlands v. Mr. C. Coogan's Ring Cottage; Mr. J. Stafford's nom. v. Mr. J. Perry's Sculeen Lass; Mr. P. Kearney's Tea Cake v. Mr. M. Brogan's Stevenson's Street; Miss R. Reynolds's Pride of Kiltale v. Mr. P. Cassidy's Courier Lass; Mr. J. O'Byrne's Finegan's Luck v. Mr. J. Finn's Call Me Anything.

COURSING—Notes of general interest by a well-known authority and reports of meetings, appear in "THE IRISH FIELD," published every Saturday. —(Advt.)

ANGLING

PIKE-FISHING

The annual competition for the Wilde Cup will be held in the ViceRegal and Zoo lakes, under the auspices of the Salmon Anglers' Association, on Monday next. Entry forms may be obtained from Messrs. Garnett and Keegan, or from the Hon. Secretary, 20 Arbour Hill. Competitors must report at the entrance gate, Zoological Gardens, not later than 10.45 a.m.

NEW YORK'S £15,000,000 TUNNEL

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

New York's vast new £15,000,000 double tunnel under the Hudson River, linking the city with Weehawken, New Jersey, became an important traffic artery to-day, when the first tube section came into use. In the space of five hours—between 4 and 9 a.m.—821 motor cars passed beneath the glittering glass-tiled roof.

For the privilege of being the first to pass through large numbers of motor drivers had waited for twenty-four hours at the entrance.

STREET TRAFFIC IN DUBLIN

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

NEW REGULATIONS IN OPERATION

THE Christmas activities of the public are putting the new Traffic Regulations to proof. Judging from observation yesterday, the new rules are bearing the test well; indeed, official opinion is that already they have proved a success.

As soon as these new by-laws began to operate some fifty Civic Guards were specially deputed to see to their enforcement. They had some trouble, but it was not serious. Motorists obeyed the regulations very well, and so, too, did the cyclists, but pedestrians did not seem quite awake to the fact that something new had happened tending to make for more ordered conditions in traffic control. They were somewhat lacking in the "Treasna annso" spirit; yet, if they obeyed the signals of Guards they would be more likely to secure comfort and safety.

The "No entry" notices on certain streets gave many a motorist on the way home some understanding of Dick Swiveller's feeling about crossing the road. The prevention of the whilom "short cut" made it seem "a long way round" in some cases.

TELEPHONE CONUNDRUMS

The Gárda Traffic Office experienced some measure of confusion. Telephones were very busy with conundrums—how did one get from A to B; could one do this or that, and "was the point-duty man right?" The imparting of the necessary information was more tedious than difficult in most cases.

Inspector O'Reardon, who has been engaged in supervising the practical initiation of the new by-laws, and who has had a long experience of traffic conditions and control in the city, yesterday expressed the belief that the regulations would work satisfactorily. He was very pleased with the way things had gone so far.

Yesterday's observations leave no doubt that the "one-way street" is a very great success in facilitating vehicular movement. The enforcement of this regulation in Grafton street has added considerably to the traffic in Dawson street and South Great George's street. The one-way rule in Henry street, where congestion, even on an ordinary week-day, always was a serious problem has given place to ample freedom and facility for both pedestrians and vehicles.

SHOPKEEPERS' VIEWS

Some features of the new traffic regulations may create difficulties in the future. For instance, there are shop-keepers who fear that some of the restrictions will adversely affect them. On the other hand, in many business establishments the view is held that advantages will accrue from the new facilities.

It was evident at the Nelson Pillar, O'Connell Bridge, College Green, and at Nassau street and Grafton street corner that cars and pedestrians alike are benefiting by the change. Interruptions of the traffic stream were frequent, but of short duration. Lunch time is the "rush hour" for pedal cyclists and pedestrians, and, at the Nassau street corner, in five minutes, about two hundred pedal cyclists passed, flocking before, behind and beside cars, motor vans and tramcars.

Pedestrians on the whole paid attention to the "Cross here" signs, and watched for the traffic Guard's signals. The Guard himself was an interesting study. However long or short a period he may be on duty at a time he has certainly a non-stop job while he is at it.

Pedal cyclists—mostly messenger boys—were the principal offenders against regulations. They came down streets in opposition to the one-way traffic. "They, sometimes, try to dodge you by walking a bit and then trying to get across," said one Civic Guard, "but back they must go to the previous turning."

The traffic regulations seem to have been conceived with a vision of a Dublin that is to grow to twice its present size.

FRENCH POLITICAL LEADER

COLONEL DE LA ROCQUE FINED

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Colonel de la Rocque, leader of the French Social Party, has been fined 3,000 francs by the Correctional Court. The Court held that his party was a reconstitution of his former *Croix de Feu* organisation, and has the characteristics of a fighting group and of a private militia.

Five other leaders of the party, including the right wing deputy, M. Ybarnegaray, were fined 1,000 francs each, and, with Colonel de la Rocque, were ordered to pay the costs of the case.

The defendants benefit by an amnesty with regard to a charge on another count concerning the organisation of large unarmed demonstrations at fixed points.

The Court found that the French Social Party had not contented itself with carrying on its activities within the conditions laid down by the law concerning political bodies, but had retained the paramilitary character of the former *Croix de Feu*, National Volunteers, etc.

It was added that the French Social Party was a definitely graded body with a hierarchy at the top, while "flying squads" formed a kind of police with means of rapid concentration.

AMERICAN COMEDIAN'S DEATH

From Reuter's Correspondent.

CULVER CITY (CALIFORNIA), Wednesday.

The police say that they will drop their investigation into the mysterious fist fight in which Ted Healy, the American comedian, who died here yesterday, was said to have been involved some hours before his death.

The *post-mortem* examination made today of the 41-year-old film actor showed that he died from natural causes. The doctor had previously refused to sign Healy's death certificate, and the Coroner, who made a cursory preliminary examination of the body, declared that there were indications that a blow might have been inflicted.

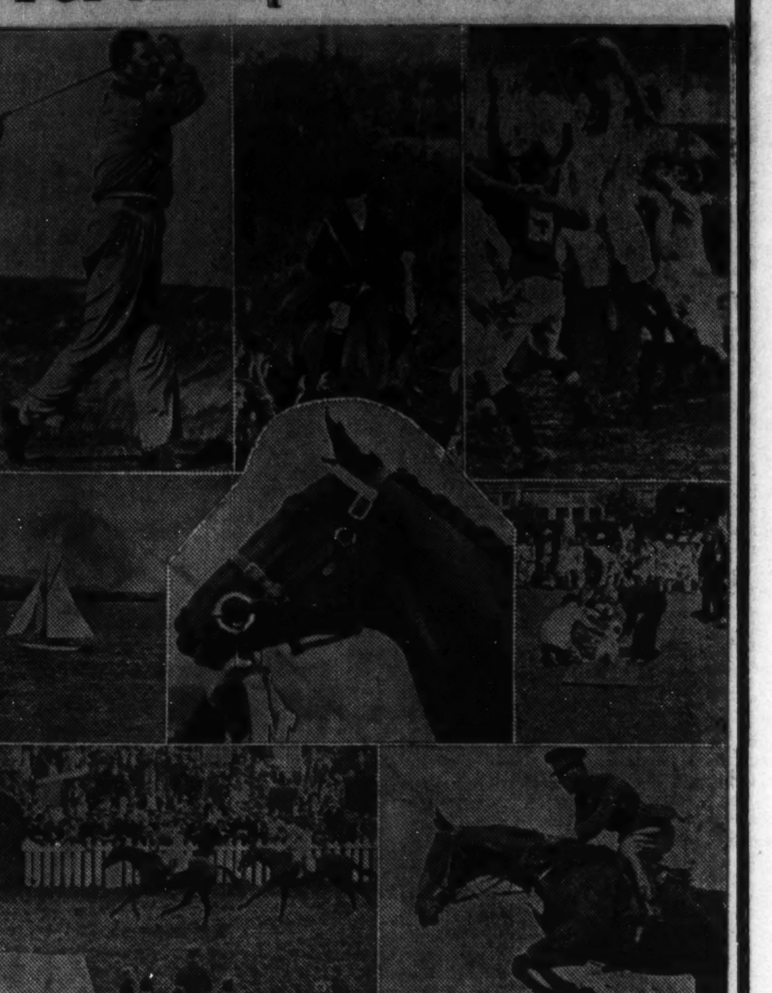
It is said that the fight followed a gay celebration over the birth of a son to Mrs. Healy last Friday. Mrs. Healy has not yet been told of her husband's death.

FUNERAL OF MR. THOMAS NELSON HALL

The funeral took place yesterday to Mount Jerome Cemetery of Mr. Thomas Nelson Hall, of "Tola," Winton avenue, Rathgar, who had been connected with the firm of Messrs. Bagots Hutton and Co., Dublin, for forty years, retiring owing to ill-health about fifteen years ago. The Rev. Canon Parkinson-Hill officiated, and the attendance included: Messrs. G. Munro, A. E. Walker, S. J. F. Cosford, J. Bryan, R. J. Frost, C. E. Frost, K. James, C. H. Finlay, Francis Keely, H. N. Rippingdale, W. C. Slator, G. E. Ledbetter, J. Entwistle, David Ludlow, Norman Bates, O. V. Griffiths, S. R. Burgess, G. J. Bates, W. H. Burgess, W. F. Burgess, G. Dyer, D. Tennant, G. Young, R. Burgess, G. G. McConnell, D. Griffiths, and A. V. Griffiths.

William Campbell (79), Bryson street, Belfast, was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to the legs, received when he was knocked down by a motor car.

For All Sports in Season



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IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Imprisonment for Postman.—At Clones District Court, Henry McPhillips, auxiliary postman, O'Neill Park, Clones, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for the larceny of a postal packet containing 50 dollar bills, addressed to Mrs. E. McMahon, Gortnawinney, Clones.

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Galway University Elections.—The following have been elected members of the Governing Body of University College, Galway, for the next triennial period:—Professors Rishworth, Power, Mitchell and Walsh (by the Academic Council); Professor Larkin, Professor O'Maille, Dr. O'Raghallaigh and Professor McBryan (by the Graduates).

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Market Rights Acquired.—Giving his reserved decision in a case at Longford against Mrs. Maria Nevin, greengrocer, for alleged obstruction under the Road Traffic Act by allowing barrels displaying wares to project on to the road, District Justice Kenny said that he was of the opinion that these people by long usage had acquired market rights, and he dismissed the case because this occurred on a Saturday, market day. A nice question would arise, he said, if it was on any other day in the week.

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Danger from Goats.—The danger of goats wandering on public roads was illustrated by a Civic Guard's statement at Castlebellingham (County Louth) District Court. He stated that a clergyman motoring from Dublin to Belfast had complained at the barracks that as he was going along three goats rushed out from a gate. He applied his brakes, the car went into a skid and somersaulted over a ditch, falling into the field six feet below. District Justice Goff said that the incident showed the serious consequence of permitting animals to wander on the roads, and he directed the Guard to summon the owners of the goats.

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Publichouses Should be Closed.—District Justice Goff, at Dundalk District Court yesterday, said that he would suggest that the licensing laws as regards Sundays should be applied to publichouses on Church holidays. If that were done it would save a great loss of money, time, and also prevent crime. He was afraid that on these days a lot of people came in from the country to the towns and did nothing but drink all day. "It is a shame that in a Catholic country like ours our shops are not shut, and the owners and assistants have their rights, too," he added.

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Stole Fare to England.—James Keenan, labourer, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, with hard labour, at Longford yesterday on a charge of entering the house of Mr. James Farrell, dairy owner, Trillick-a-temple (with whom he had been employed up to a short time before) and taking a purse containing £8 17s. 7½d. Keenan said that he had got a job in England as bar attendant and he took the money to pay his way over. There were two previous convictions for bicycle larcenies, and it was stated that Mr. Farrell, his employer, paid £3 which defendant was ordered to pay in the previous case last June.

MOTORIST SUSPENDED FOR TEN YEARS

DETERMINED NOT TO DRINK ANY MORE

A motorist who appeared at Cambridge Police Court on six charges, including dangerous driving, driving while under the influence of drink, driving without due care and failing to stop, was fined £25, with £5 costs, and had his licence suspended for ten years.

He was Brian Frederick Falkner Lewis, aged 36, a hospital finance clerk, of Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.

Lewis, who broke down and sobbed while giving evidence, told the magistrates that he was determined not to drink any more, and was prepared to take the pledge before a priest from whom he was preparing to seek counsel.

P.C. Ward, who had his arm in a sling, said:—"I was lighting my cycle lamp opposite the police station when I was knocked on to the pavement by a motor car which did not stop."

P.C. Bennett said he chased the car in another car, but was unable to catch up with it.

Arthur Strange, said that he was cycling with a friend when a car knocked him off his bicycle. Lewis, the driver of the car, appeared to be under the influence of drink.

Lewis said that he was a married man with three children. He had been to the Gold Coast for two years, where the habit of whiskey drinking had grown on him. He had been suspended from his present employment, and the continuation of his services depended on the result of these proceedings. He had been fined £10, with £12 18s. 6d. costs, at the same court a year ago for being in charge of a car while under the influence of drink. His licence was restored to him after an appeal in June. On the day in question he had been to London, and had a few drinks. His memory was a little hazy, and he did not remember knocking over the policeman. He remembered the collision with the cyclist, however.

INJURED LONDON POLICEMAN

Police Constable Matthew Burnsall, who was shot in Bayswater road, Lancaster Gate, London, on Tuesday night was stated at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, last night to be making satisfactory progress.

The man who was also injured in the incident is not seriously hurt.

TENANTS MAY LOSE HOUSES

EX-SERVICE MEN AS DEFENDANTS

CASES AT LONGFORD COURT

From Our Correspondent.

LONGFORD, Wednesday.

DECREES for rates amounting to £22 6s. 4d. in each of four cases and £21 6s. 4d. in another case, were given at Longford District Court to-day against the occupiers of British ex-Service men's houses in Legion terrace, Longford.

Mr. T. W. Delany, solicitor, for the rate collector, said that these people were not now paying any rent, and they were not paying the rates either.

One of the tenants, Frank Martin, said that they understood from a decision in Dublin that tenants of these houses under £6 valuation would not have to pay rates.

Mr. Delany—The decision was the other way about. The rate collector is threatened with losing his job because he cannot collect these moneys.

In a sixth case against Mrs. Mary A. Dann (which was adjourned), Mrs. Dann said that she had no means of paying since her husband had died, and they had taken away the two pensions he had.

Mr. Delaney—The trouble is that she is in danger of losing the house altogether. There is an ejectment to be heard at the next Circuit Court in another case, where the tenant died, and the son is in occupation, on the ground that the house has now become the property of the Trust.

The District Justice—In other words, they are seeking to construe the decision of the Court of Appeal?

Mr. Delany—Yes; and if that succeeds these people may lose their houses if they do not make some attempt to hold them.

Mrs. Dann—The house was let to my husband, and we earned it well. He went through two wars, and we did thirteen years in India and Africa.

This case was adjourned pending the Circuit Court case.

DUBLIN DRUG TRADE DISPUTE

Arrangements have been made for a meeting this morning between representatives of the Irish Drug Association (wholesale section) and Messrs. P. T. Daly, Vice-President; Sean P. Campbell, Treasurer, and Eamon Lynch, Secretary, Irish Trade Union Congress.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the principles underlying the present deadlock between the Irish Women Workers' Union and the Association. The Association's position is that it holds that any revision of wages of packers should be negotiated by the packing trade board members, and should apply to the trade in general, not merely to the drug section. On the other hand, the union and the Dublin Trades Union Council are of opinion that trade board rates are minimum rates for unorganised workers; that the trade boards were established to prevent sweated labour, and hold that the question of higher rates for organised workers is a question for direct negotiations between the trade unions and the employers of such organised workers.

No negotiations regarding wages and conditions will take place at to-day's conference, but it is hoped that, as the result of the exchange of views, some basis for further discussions along lines acceptable to both parties will be found.

RETROSPECTIVE PAY

Skilled and unskilled building trade workers who are employed by the Grangegorman and Portrane Joint Mental Hospital Board between April 1st and 13th are to receive additional retrospective payment.

They received retrospective payment for these thirteen days at the tentative rate then in operation, which was an increase of 1d. per hour on the rates which had existed up to the 31st March. Now they are to be paid the difference between this tentative rate, which was given by the building trade employers in order to prevent a stoppage, and the final rate.

The final increase was 2d. per hour for skilled workers and 1½d. per hour for builders' labourers, with a further increase of ½d. per hour for builders' labourers in the Dublin area six months after the date of resumption.

Workers who are entitled to benefit are communicating with the Clerk of Works and with their trade unions and furnishing details of their employment.

AIRMAN'S TALK FROM RADIO ATHLONE

To-morrow (Christmas Eve) at 8.45 p.m. Captain O. E. Armstrong, chief pilot and operations manager of Aer Lingus, Teoranta, will tell Radio-Athlone listeners something of his experiences in piloting Irish Sea Airways services between Dublin and London. Many air passengers have broadcast their experiences, but now listeners will hear for the first time the pilot's own impressions of flying over the Irish Sea. Captain Armstrong's talk will take the form of answers to questions put by Captain Lucy, who is arranging the broadcast.

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From Reuter's [...]

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Early signs of an uptu[...] and while some fraction[...] the market as a whol[...] morning under mo[...] Trading nevertheless w[...] day the movements of[...] narrow changes.

Though the tension [...] Eastern situation was [...] what relieved, continu[...] rearmament exerted a s[...] the so-called "War" [...] Aircrafts and Steels. [...] were in fair demand, bu[...] were neglected as a re[...] showing made by the [...] November. Building [...] resistance, while Motor[...] lagging sales' returns a[...] used-car market.

Such later rallies as [...] hold, and towards the e[...] quietly slipped off und[...] and more tax-selling. [...]

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Silver was unchanged[...]

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London Cables ....
London 60 days' sight ....
London Bankers' do. ....
London Com. do. ....
Montreal Cables ....
Paris Cables ....

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39⅝	Atchison, Topeka, S[...]
26	Do. Preferred ...
11¾	Baltimore and Ohi[...]
7¾	Canadian Pacific ...
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55½	Louisville and Nash[...]
19	New York Central &[...]
192⅛	Norfolk and West C[...]
22¾	Pennsylvania Shares[...]
20	Reading Shares ...
21⅞	Southern Pacific ...
13½	Southern Railway ...
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168¹⁄₁₆	Allied Chemical ...
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74¼	American Can. ...
50⅛	American Smelting ...
13¾	American Radiator ...
148¹⁄₁₆	American Tel. and [...]
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32¼	Anaconda Copper ...
3⅞	Auburn Auto ...
61⅞	Bethlehem Steel Co[...]
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54½	Chrysler Corporation[...]
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165⁹⁄₁₆	Eastman Kodak ...
43⅞	General Electric ...
32½	General Motors ...
46¼	International Nickel[...]
6⅝	Do. Telephone &[...]
38⅝	Kennecott Copper ...
28	Macy (R. H.) ...
20½	McKeesport Tinplate[...]
7	McKesson and Robb[...]
35½	Montgomery Ward [...]
4¼	Packard Motors ...
—	People's Gas ...
6⅝	Radio Corporation ...
17⅞	Shell Union Oil ...
5	Studebaker ...
11⅞	Timken Detroit Ax[...]
26¼	U.S. Rubber ...
59⅝	United States Steel[...]
109¹⁄₁₆	Do. Preferred ...
—	Warner Bros. Pictu[...]
26¾	Westinghouse Air B[...]
36⅝	Woolworth Company[...]
—	Silver Commercial B[...]
12⅝	Brazilian Traction ...
26¾	Brit. American Toba[...]
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December 22 ...	32.28[...]
Previous day ...	32.65[...]
Last year ...	51.68[...]

MONTREAL STO[...]

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164⅜	Bell Telephone Co. [...]
12¾	Brazilian T.L. and [...]
34½	British Columbia Po[...]
5¼	Do. "B"
10¼	Can. Car and Foun[...]
21¾	Do. Preferre[...]
16½	Canadian Celanese [...]
—	Do do.
10	Canada Cement Co. [...]
95¹⁄₁₆	Do. Preferre[...]
4¾	Can. Indus. Alcohol[...]
3¾	Do. "B"
7⅞	Canadian Pacific Ra[...]
8⅝	Cockshutt Plow Co. [...]
58	Con. Mining and Sm[...]
30	Dominion Bridge Co[...]
71¹⁵⁄₁₆	Dominion Textiles [...]
12½	Hollinger Cons. Gol[...]
17½	Imperial Oil, Ltd. [...]
46½	Inter. Nickel of Can[...]
28½	International Petrole[...]
6⅞	Massey Harris Co. [...]
29¼	Montreal Light, Hea[...]
50⅝	Do. Debs.
38	National Brewers, [...]
34½	National Steel Car [...]
221⅞	Ogilvie Flour Mills [...]
15	Power Corporation [...]
15	Quebec Power Corpo[...]
19¾	Shawinigan Water [...]
13¼	Southern Canada Po[...]
69⁷⁄₁₆	Steel Co. of Canada[...]
199⁷⁄₈	Bank Montreal ...
295¹³⁄₁₆	Bank Nova Scotia [...]
165⅞	Can. Bank Commerc[...]
184⅜	Royal Bank of Can[...]
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14¾	Distillers Corp. Sea[...]
41¾	Hiram Walker Good[...]
13¼	Imperial Tobacco Co[...]
50¾	Lake Shore Mines. [...]
37	McIntyre Porcupine [...]
54	Noranda Mines, Lt[...]

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NEW YORK PRO[...]

Wheat easy, 1⅛c. to ½[...]
No. 1 Northern Manitoba [...] f.o.b. West St. John's [...]
No. 1 Manitoba spot ...
No. 2 hard winter spot [...]
No. 2 red winter spot ...

Maize easy at 1⅝c. dow[...] spot, 73⅞.

Oats steady at ⅛c. [...] 36lb.) c.i.f. New York, 4[...]

Rye steady at ⅛c. loss[...] York American. 92.

Barley steady at ⅜c. [...] York, all growths Federal [...]

Flour steady and gene[...]

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Burlaps steady. Hes[...] 3.85, heavy-weight 5.10.

Tallow steady. Futures[...] 6.25 offered; March 5.91[...] 5.99 bid, 6.18 offered. S[...] special extra, 5½, spot i[...]

Cottonseed Oil—Future[...] to 1 point down. Contra[...] summer yellow grade—Cl[...] March 7.21, May 7.24, J[...]

Shellac—T.N., 12¼.

Turpentine—Spot, 31.

Straits Tin quiet, but [...] options—Dec. 42.75 (41.9[...] May 42.75 (41.90), July [...]

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THE AMERICAN MARKETS

WALL STREET TURNS HEAVY

LOSSES TOUCH TWO DOLLARS

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The fact that Congress had adjourned without any important legislation reaching the White House had little effect on Wall Street, which, after falling fairly substantially, turned irregular, as accumulation developed on recessions and a certain amount of short-covering appeared. The final list for the most part indicated losses extending to $2 in a turnover of 1,150,000 shares. Stock Exchange sentiment in the meantime is diversified, though it is obvious that the market is in the position readily to respond to any news which could possibly be considered as constructive.

Early signs of an upturn quickly evaporated, and while some fractional gains were retained the market as a whole declined during the morning under moderate profit-taking. Trading nevertheless was slow, and at mid-day the movements of prices showed only narrow changes.

Though the tension regarding the Far Eastern situation was thought to be somewhat relieved, continued talk of American rearmament exerted a sustaining influence on the so-called "War" stocks—notably the Aircrafts and Steels. Rail Equipment shares were in fair demand, but the Rails themselves were neglected as a result of the very poor showing made by the earnings' figures for November. Building counters displayed resistance, while Motor stocks reflected the lagging sales' returns and the dullness of the used-car market.

Such later rallies as took place failed to hold, and towards the end of the session prices quietly slipped off under continued realising and more tax-selling. The close was heavy.

Sterling exchange opened at 1/16 up at 4.99⅞, but eased to 4.99 11/16 during the morning. The rate remained at this level in the afternoon, and closed unchanged—compared with the previous close—at 4.99 11/16.

Silver was unchanged at 44¾c.

	Wed Steady	Tue Steady
Call Money		
London Cables	4.99 11/16	4.99 11/16
London 60 days' sight	4.99⅜	4.99⅜
London Bankers' do.	4.99 5/16	4.99 5/16
London Com. do.	4.99¼	4.99¼
Montreal Cables	5.00⅜	5.00 7/16
Paris Cables	3.39⅝	3.39¾

Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid Wed	Tue
39¾	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	39¾	41
26	Do. Preferred	26	26¾
11¾	Baltimore and Ohio	11¾	12⅛
7¾	Canadian Pacific	7¾	7⅞
—	Illinois Central		
55½	Louisville and Nashville	55½	55½
19	New York Central & Hudson R.	19	20
192⅛	Norfolk and West Com.	192	191
22¾	Pennsylvania Shares	22¾	23⅝
20	Reading Shares	20	20⅞
21⅞	Southern Pacific	21⅞	22¾
13½	Southern Railway	13½	14
85 9/16	Union Pacific	85½	86
81 9/16	Do. Preferred	81½	82
	INDUSTRIALS.		
168 1/16	Allied Chemical	168	167
22	American Loco.	22	23
74¼	American Can.	74¼	74⅝
50⅛	American Smelting	50⅛	52
13¾	American Radiator	13¾	13⅞
148 1/16	American Tel. and Tel.	148	148½
62½	American Tobacco B	62½	—
32¼	Anaconda Copper	32¼	33⅜
3⅞	Auburn Auto	3⅞	3⅞
61⅞	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	61⅞	62¼
91 9/16	Case (J. I.)	91½	96
54½	Chrysler Corporation	54½	56¼
24	Consol. Edison Co. (New York)	24	24¾
165 9/16	Eastman Kodak	165½	167
43⅞	General Electric	43⅞	45
32½	General Motors	32½	33⅜
46¼	International Nickel	46¼	46½
6⅝	Do. Telephone & Telegraph	6⅝	6⅞
38⅝	Kennecott Copper	38⅝	39⅝
28	Macy (R. H.)	28	28
20½	McKeesport Tinplate	20½	29¾
7	McKesson and Robbins	7	7
35½	Montgomery Ward	35½	36⅞
4¼	Packard Motors	4¼	4½
—	People's Gas	—	—
6⅝	Radio Corporation	6⅝	6½
17⅞	Shell Union Oil	17⅞	18
5	Studebaker	5	5
11⅞	Timken Detroit Axle	11⅞	12
26¼	U.S. Rubber	26¼	27
59⅝	United States Steel Common	59⅝	61
109 1/16	Do. Preferred	109	109
—	Warner Bros. Pictures	—	—
26¾	Westinghouse Air B	26¾	27⅝
36⅛	Woolworth Company	36⅛	36¾
—	Silver Commercial Bars	44¾	44¾
12⅝	Brazilian Traction	12⅝	13¼
26¾	Brit. American Tobacco Coupon	26¾	27
5	Hydro. Electric	5	5¼
—	Technicolour Incorporated	—	—
	BONDS.		
—	U.S. Treasury 3¾% Bds., '46-56	—	110 11/16
—	7% German External Loan	—	30

DOW JONES AVERAGES

	20 Rails.	30 Indus.	20 Util.
December 22	32.28	128.55	21.42
Previous day	32.65	129.98	21.81
Last year	51.68	177.30	34.32

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Eng. Equiv.	—	Closing Bid Wed	Tue
164⅜	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	164½†	165
12¾	Brazilian T.L. and P. Co.	12¾	13⅛†
34½	British Columbia Power "A"	34½	34½
5¼	Do. "B"	5¼	5¼
10¼	Can. Car and Foundry Co.	10¼	10
21¾	Do. Preferred	21¾	21¼
16½	Canadian Celanese Com.	16½	16½
—	Do do. Pref.	—	—
10	Canada Cement Co.	10	10
95 3/16	Do. Preferred	95¼	95¼
4¾	Can. Indus. Alcohol Com.	4¾	4¾
3¾	Do. "B"	3¾	3¾
7⅞	Canadian Pacific Railway	7⅞	7⅞
8⅝	Cockshutt Plow Co.	8⅝	8½
58	Con. Mining and Smelting	58	58
30	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.	30	29½
71 15/16	Dominion Textiles Co.	72	71
12½	Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	12½	12½
17½	Imperial Oil, Ltd.	17½	17½
46½	Inter. Nickel of Canada	46½	46⅝
28½	International Petroleum	28½	28⅞
6⅞	Massey Harris Co.	6⅞	6¾
29¼	Montreal Light, Heat	29¼	29¾
50⅜	Do. Debs.	50⅜	50⅜
38	National Brewers, Ltd.	38	38½
34½	National Steel Car Corp.	34½	34
221⅞	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	222	220
15	Power Corporation of Canada	15	14½
15	Quebec Power Corporation	15	15½
19¾	Shawinigan Water	19¾	20
13¼	Southern Canada Power	13¼	13¼
69 7/16	Steel Co. of Canada	69¼	68⅞
199⅞	Bank Montreal	200	200
295 13/16	Bank Nova Scotia	296	296
165⅞	Can. Bank Commerce	168	166
184⅜	Royal Bank of Canada	184½	184½
	CURB PRICES.		
14¾	Distillers Corp. Seagrams, Ltd.	14¾	15
41¾	Hiram Walker Gooderham	41¾	41½
13¼	Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada	13¼	13¼
50¾	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	50¾	50½
37	McIntyre Porcupine Mines	37	37
54	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	54	53½

*Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS

Wheat easy, 1⅛c. to ½c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern Manitoba spot f.o.b. West St. John's	156⅜	157½
No. 1 Manitoba spot	156⅜	157½
No. 2 hard winter spot	115¾	116¾
No. 2 red winter spot	108	108½

Maize easy at 1⅝c. down. Western No. 2 mixed spot, 73⅞.

Oats steady at ½c. rise. No. 2 white (per 36lb.) c.i.f. New York, 45⅛.

Rye steady at ½c. loss. No. 2 spot f.o.b. New York American. 92.

Barley steady at ⅜c. advance. No. 2 New York, all growths Federal inspected, 75.

Flour steady and generally unchanged.

Lard steady, 12½ points higher to unchanged. Prime Western steam loose spot, 8.45; Middle West, 8.75 to 8.85.

Petroleum steady. Mid-Continent crude 33 to 33.9 per cent. Baume at well, 116 cents; Pennsylvania crude barrel at well, lower price 127 cents, representing Corning crude; higher price 220 cents, Bradford and Allegheny.

Burlaps steady. Hessian cloth, light-weight 3.85, heavy-weight 5.10.

Tallow steady. Futures steady. Dec. 5.80 bid, 6.25 offered; March 5.91 bid, 6.15 offered; May 5.99 bid, 6.18 offered. Spot extra loose, 5⅞; spot special extra, 5½, spot in tierces, 6⅛.

Cottonseed Oil—Futures closed barely steady, 4 to 1 point down. Contract basis bleachable prime summer yellow grade—Closing options—Jan. 7.20, March 7.21, May 7.24, July 7.27.

Shellac—T.N., 12¼.

Turpentine—Spot, 31.

Straits Tin quiet, but 85 points up. Closing options—Dec. 42.75 (41.90), March 42.75 (41.90), May 42.75 (41.90), July 42.75 (41.90).

American Standard Copper irregular, 7 points down to unchanged. Closing options—Dec. 9.25 (9.32), Jan. 9.25 (9.32), March 9.25 to 9.30 (9.25 to 9.30); May 9.25 to 9.30 (9.25 to 9.30), July 9.25 to 9.30 (9.25 to 9.30).

Coffee on spot closed steady and nominal. Rio No. 7, 6¼; Santos No. 4, 8⅝. Futures opened irregular, with Rio 10 points down to 11 points up and Santos 40 points lower to 6 points higher. Trade and local buying and short covering appeared in the Santos contract on the prompt stoppage of twelve "notices," coupled with the steady Havre market and the tight spot situation. The Rio contract eased on the circulation of five Rio "notices," together with Brazilian selling and liquidation. The close was irregular, with Rio 5 points down to 6 points up and Santos 11 points higher to unchanged. Futures basis Rio No. 7—Closing options—Dec. 4.95 (5.00), March 4.42

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS

Rand Gold Output

The total estimated working profit of the gold mines of the Transvaal for the month of November, 1937, amounted to £2,621,912, compared with £2,645,507 in October.

Courtaulds' Price Increase

An official statement has now been issued by Courtaulds, Ltd., regarding the price increases ranging from ½d. to 3½d. per pound announced on Tuesday. The statement is as follows:—"Courtaulds, Ltd., state that the announcements that have been published in certain newspapers concerning increases in viscose yarn prices may convey an erroneous impression. The increases in price referred to do not affect the finer counts, but apply only to 150 denier and coarser counts." It will be appreciated that 150 denier ranks as a very fine count as regards viscose yarn. Consequently, although it is impossible to state exactly what proportion of current viscose production is affected by the decision, it is clear that much the greater part of the output is subject to the price increases. It may also be of some interest to note that the fine counts, of which the prices are not being increased, at present tend to compete especially keenly with acetate yarns in Britain. British Celanese produces acetate yarns, and it is understood that prices for these are unaffected.

Record Steel Output

For the third successive month Sheffield has created an all-time record in steel output. The November total of 160,400 tons which brought the aggregate for eleven months to 1,653,600 tons (an increase of 193,800 tons compared with the corresponding period of last year) is 18,200 tons more than November, 1936. Already the total for the whole of last year, which was a record, has been exceeded by 64,200 tons.

Trade Recession

The National City Bank of New York's "Monthly Review" contains a very interesting and detailed review of the recession in world trade and how the movement started. It is shown that there was a good deal of misjudgment and miscalculation of the situation early in the year, and consequently the aftermath was all the more severe. The symptoms of trade difficulties are more evident in the United States than elsewhere, because the costs of production were forced up more abruptly there, causing a falling off of consumption and employment. Furthermore, the conditions in the U.S.A. are reacting upon other countries, affecting confidence and enterprise. The situation affords an oft-repeated demonstration that the best prosperity for every country requires that all countries shall share in it. If any lose their share, it is contended the others do not find it, but lose a part of their own. The full purchasing power of all is required for record prosperity, and this is only to be had by well-balanced production and trade. This has been hard to maintain since the Great War upset the equilibrium. The United States illustrates this better than any other country, for its tremendous swings, first to one extreme and then to the other, disturb all trade.

Union Cinemas

Remarkable disclosures about the conduct of Union Cinemas affairs were made by the new chairman, Mr. John Maxwell, at the first annual meeting of the company yesterday. Mr. Maxwell, severely criticising the old board's accounts, declared that the balance sheet values of the main assets were unjustified, citing in particular the writing up of the fixed properties by over £2,000,000 to a booked figure of £3,857,000. The Chairman referred to transactions involving the transfer of assets to and from the company, in which certain ex-directors and an official were concerned. He promised a full investigation of the accounts from the date of incorporation. Mr. Maxwell stated that obviously no Preference dividends could be paid until a capital reconstruction scheme had been carried through.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT

WEDNESDAY.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—29.70.

Wind and Weather at 5 p.m.—South-easterly winds, dull and overcast.

Foreign Arrivals—City of Waterford, from Antwerp, with general cargo; City of Ghent, from Antwerp, with general cargo; Orsa, from Gothenburg, with general cargo; Sonnenfelde, from Hamburg, via Cork with general cargo.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Munster, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Slieve More, from Holyhead, with goods; Fastnet, from Glasgow, with goods; Ardmore, from Liverpool, with goods; Lithium, from Fleetwood, with soda ash; Emerald, from Blyth, with coals; Comber, from Garston with coals; Walnut, Moygannon and Pearl, from Newport, with coals; St. Fintan, from Partington, with coals; St. Kenneth, from Cardiff, with coals; St. Mungo and Pyrope, from Ayr, with coals; Elmfield from Ardrossan with coals; Amy Summerfield, from Actongrange, with coals; St. Eunan, fom Glasgow, with coals; Gweebarra, from Belfast, with oil; Slieve League, from Holyhead, light.

(4.37), May 4.30 (4.24), July 4.22 (4.21), Sept. 4.20 (4.21) Dec. 4.20 (4.21).

Cocoa—Spot, 5½. Futures closed steady, 1 to 4 points up. Closing options—Dec. 5.02 (5.00), Jan. 5.01 (5.00), March 5.14 (5.10), May 5.21 (5.18), July 5.30 (5.26), Sept. 5.39 (5.35), Oct. 5.43 (5.39).

Sugar on spot closed steady and unchanged at 3.20. In futures the new contract was steady on a little scattered buying on the steady London market, but trading was limited owing to the approaching holidays. The close was irregular at 4 points lower to 1 point higher.

Cotton on spot closed steady, but 3 points down at 8.48. Futures opened barely steady at 8 to 11 points loss. Prices early declined on lower Liverpool cables, some increase in hedge selling and liquidation, together with an absence of Bombay buying, which recently was a source of strength. Covering and buying by spot houses appeared in the final dealings, and the market closed steady, but quotations were 3 to 6 points lower. At New Orleans spot closed 7 points up at 8.59. Futures opened at 7 to 9 points down, and closed 3 to 7 points lower.

Rubber Futures (No. 1 contract)—Tendency barely steady, 9 to 16 points down. Closing options—Dec. 15.09 (15.18), Jan. 15.09 (15.18), March 15.29 (15.40), May 15.38 (15.49), July 15.48 (15.62), Sept. 15.58 (15.73), Oct. 15.63 (15.79). Outside prices—Tendency dull. First latex thin crepe spot 15½ (nominal); smoked ribbed sheets spot 15 buyers, 15⅛ sellers; ditto Jan.-Feb.-March 15⅛ buyers; ditto April-May-June 15¼ buyers, 15⅜ sellers.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS

Kansas City.—Wheat steady. Spot ½c. down and futures easier at ⅜c. loss. No. 2 hard winter spot 99½. Closing options—Dec. 91¾, May 88¾.

Minneapolis.—Wheat barely steady. Spot ½c. and futures ¼c. to ½c. cheaper. No. 1 Northern spring spot 106⅛. Closing options—Dec. 100¼, May 99⅛.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

Wheat opened steady, but at ½c. to ⅜c. loss. Prices early eased in sympathy with lower cables, together with favourable Southern Hemisphere advices. No export was reported, and the market closed easy at 1⅜c. to ⅞c. lower. Opening options—Dec. 127½ (125½), May 117 (116⅝), July 110½ (110½). Closin options—Dec. 126¼ (128), May 116⅜ (117⅜), July 110 (110⅞).

Oats steady, unchanged to ⅜c. down. Closing options—Dec. 47⅜ (47⅜), May 46¼ (46⅝), July 44 (44⅛).

Rye easy, 1⅜c. to 1⅜c. lower. Closing options—Dec. 74⅞ (76½), May 76⅞ (78⅜), July 76⅛ (77½).

Barley steady, unchanged to ¼c. cheaper. Closing options—Dec. 58⅞ (58⅞), May 58½ (58¾), July 55½ (55½).

Linseed steady and unaltered. Closing options—Dec. 171⅞ (171⅞), May 171⅞ (171⅞).

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

ARGENTINE GRAINS

Buenos Aires.—Wheat barely steady, 16 to 17 points down. Maize barely steady, 14 to 19 points cheaper. Oats quiet, unchanged. Linseed barely steady at 36 to 34 points loss.

Rosario.—Wheat barely steady, 19 to 17 points down. Maize barely steady at 23 points loss for February. Linseed barely steady, 36 to 41 points down.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Wheat opened steady, with prices unchanged to ¼c. down, and closed easy at 1c. to ⅜c. lower. Opening options—December, 95⅜ (94⅞); May, 92 (91); July, 86 (85¾). Closing options—December, 94¼ (95¾ to 95⅜); May, 91⅜ to 91¼ (92¼ to 92⅜); July, 85⅜ to 85½ (86¼ to 86⅛).

Maize opened steady, but at ½c. to ¼c. loss, and closed easy at 1⅛c. to ¾c. down. Spot No. 2 mixed Western, 59¼. Opening options—December, 59⅜ (58¾); May, 60 (59⅞). Closing options—December, 57⅞ (58½); May, 59⅜ (60¼); July, 59¼ (60).

Oats closed steady at ½c. up to ⅛c. down. Closing options—December, 32⅛ (32); May, 30½ (30⅜); July, 29 (29⅛).

Rye closed easy at ½c. to ⅞c. decline. Closing options—December, 68 (68⅛); May, 69 (70⅛); July, 66 (66⅞).

Barley nominal.

Lard opened steady. Prices advanced on the firmness of hogs and light receipts. The market closed steady, with futures 2½ points higher to 2½ points lower. Spot gained 12½ points. Prime Western steam loose spot, 8.00 (7.87½). Closing options—December, 8.27½ (8.25); January, 8.45 (8.45); May, 8.87½ (8.90); July, 8.97½ (8.95).

Bacon steady, with dry-salted bellies and fat backs generally unchanged.

Hogs firm, with light sorts 20 points up and heavy descriptions 25 to 40 points higher. Light-weight, 8.00 to 8.30; heavy-weight, 7.25 to 7.85.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

NORTHERN ROAD TRANSPORT

POOLING RECEIPTS WITH RAILWAYS

DETAILS OF AGREED SCHEME

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

THE pooling scheme for traffic receipts between the various railways operating in Northern Ireland and the Northern Road Transport Board came before the Transport Appeal Tribunal in the Chancery Court, Belfast, to-day.

The scheme was submitted to the Tribunal by the Joint Committee established under Section 14 of the Road and Railway Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1935. The Joint Committee consists of Messrs. D. L. Clarke, S. G. Houghton and A. Morrison, appointed by the Transport Board; Mr. J. B. Stephens, appointed by the Great Northern Railway Company; Major Malcolm Speir (London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, N.C.C.) and Mr. W. F. Minnis (Belfast and County Down Railway Company).

The scheme will be retrospective as from 1st January, 1936, and will apply to (a) the whole of the receipts of the Board for traffic of all descriptions, and (b) the whole of the receipts of each of the railway companies accruing from the conveyance of passenger and merchandise in Northern Ireland, excluding station-terminal charges.

POOLING METHOD

On and after January 1, 1936, the whole of the receipts, after deduction of operating allowances, etc., will be pooled and divided between the parties to the scheme in the following proportions:—

Northern Ireland Road Transport Board, 15.06440 per cent;

Railway companies, 84.93560 per cent.

The railway companies concerned will share in the following proportions:—Belfast and County Down Railway, 10.93940 per cent.; Great Northern Railway (I.), 50.0275 per cent.; London, Midland and Scottish (N.C.C.), 23.54178 per cent. Sligo and Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway, 0.43367 per cent.

The percentage proportions were ascertained as at December 31, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Black, K.C., M.P., and Mr. B. J. Fox appeared for the Railway Companies, and Mr. L. E. Curran appeared for the Transport Board.

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The Chairman said that the scheme of pooling had been lodged by the Joint Committee under Section 14 (6) of the Act, and he took it the parties to the scheme were agreed that the function of the Tribunal would be primarily, if not entirely, to see that the scheme met the requirements of the first schedule of the Act. That being so, he suggested that counsel representing the parties should take up the scheme and consider it, and then, if considered necessary, witnesses might be examined.

Mr. Black, for the railway companies, cited the provisions of the Act governing the scheme, and went on to deal with the scheme in detail.

All the parties to it were, he said, agreed upon the terms of the scheme in so far as its financial provisions were concerned.

The scheme would be retrospective, and would be deemed to have come into force on January 1, 1936.

Counsel went on to say that the scheme applied to the whole of the receipts of the Board for traffic of all descriptions and to the whole of the receipts of each of the railway companies accruing from the conveyance of passengers and merchandise in Northern Ireland, excluding station terminal charges.

The percentages of the pooled receipts would be subject to revision on January 1st each year.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL NOTES

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

FURTHER DECLINE IN STEEL OUTPUT.

The *Iron Age* states that steel mill activity for the current week is at 23.5 per cent. of capacity, compared with 27.5 per cent. last week. In spite of the further recession, a "spotty" improvement in orders and inquiries is becoming more apparent, adds the magazine, which is possibly the forerunner of a more widespread buying interest some time in January. In the meantime it is thought that a further decline may occur next week, as some of the mills will shut down between Christmas and the new year. Sentiment throughout the industry has decidedly improved on the grounds that 1938 is bound to bring some improvement, particularly as many consumers' stocks are below normal.

DU PONT RAYON REDUCES PRICES.

The Du Pont Rayon Corporation has issued a new price list for viscose yarns, containing reductions ranging from 1 to 15 cents per lb. This is a sequel to the action of the Viscose Corporation, which announced on December 20 reductions ranging from 6 to 11 cents per lb. in the finer viscose yarn deniers.

U.S. REFINED LEAD FIGURES.

Figures issued by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics show that stocks of refined lead at the end of November totalled 113,600 tons, compared with 100,600 tons at the end of October. Production during the month totalled 45,800 tons against 49,200 tons, while despatches amounted to 33,900 tons, compared with 39,300 tons in October.

FIXED AND FLEXIBLE TRUSTS

The latest prices (supplied by the Trusts) for the sub-units of the following Trusts are as under:

Aviation and Univ. In. Trust	8/6-9/-
Bank Ins. and Financial	16/6-17/6
British Empire Cumulative	16/1½-17/1½
British Empire Fixed Trust (A)	20/1½-21/1½
British Empire Fixed Trust (B)	9/10½-10/4½
British General (A)	19/10½ x.d. bid +1½d.
British General (B)	18/- bid
British General (C)	17/-18/-
British Ind. Fixed Trust Certs.	18/6-19/6
Brit. Ind. Fxd. Tr. Cts., 2nd Ser.	16/3-17/3 x.d.
Brit. Ind. Fxd. Tr. Cts., 3rd Ser.	17/-18/-
Brit. Ind. Fxd Tr. Cts., 4th Ser.	18/-19/-
Commercial Fixed Trust	19/10½ bid
Domestic Investment Trust	8/-8/6
Electrical Industries Trust	16/9-17/9
First British Fixed Trust	42/6 bid
Second British Fixed Trust	27/6 bid
Third British Fixed Trust	23/- bid
Fourth British Fixed Trust	19/6 bid
Foreign Govt. Bond Trust	16/9-17/9—3d.
First Prov. Fxd. Trust	20/6-21/6
First Prov. Fxd. Trust, Ser. B	16/-17/-
First Prov. Reserve Units	16/6-17/6
First Recovery Trust	5/9 bid
Gilt Edged Fixed Trust Certs	18/3-18/9 x.d.
Gold Prod. Fxd. Tr. Dpst. Rets.	24/4½ bid
Gold Prod Fxd., 2nd Series	17/9-18/9
Gold Prod. Fxd., 3rd Series	13/3-14/3
Hundred Secur. Tr. Sub-Units	19/1½-20/1½+1½d.
Investors Flexible	14/6-15/6
Inves Gas and Electric Trust	12/9-13/9
Invest. General Fxd. Tr. Cts.	17/10½-18/10½+1½d.
Investors Gold Share Trust	14/7½-15/7½
Investors 2nd General Trust	15/1½-16/1½
Keystone Certificates	17/3-18/3
Keystone Flexible Certs.	16/6-17/6
Limited Investment Fund	20/-21/- x.d.
Midland and Sthn. Inv. Fund	18/6-19/6
National Fixed Trust (A)	31/1½ bid
National Fixed Trust (B)	21/3 bid
National Fixed Trust (C)	19/-20/-
National Fixed Trust (D)	17/9-18/9 x.d.
National Invest Group Certs.	14/3-15/3
Protected First Fixed Trust	21/-22/-
Protected Second Fixed Trust	18/9-19/9 x.d.+3d.
Protected Third Fixed Trust	13/6-14/6
Provident Investors Trust	15/1½-16/1½+1½d.
Rand Certificates	19/6 bid+1½d.
Second Keystone Certificates	15/3-16/3
Security First Trust	16/7½-17/7½
Selec. Fxd. Tr. (A)	16/9-17/9
Selec. Fixed Trust (B)	16/10½-17/10½+3d.
Trust of Bank Shares	17/6-18/6
Trust of Bank and In. Shares	18/9-19/9
Trust of British Transport	14/6-15/6+1½d.
Trust of Insurance Shares	21/-22/-
Univ. Fixed Trust Certs.	19/4½-20/4½
Unit Secs. of S.A., Unit 16	149/7-162/1
Unit. Secs. of S.A., Unit 17	163/10-174/4
Unit Secs of S.A., Unit 19	539/4-574/4
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Scottish Bank	16/-17/-
Cornhill Deb.	20/9-21/4½
Cornhill Def.	20/9-21/4½

At a Special Court in Carrickfergus yesterday, before Mr. J. Campbell, J.P., William H. Magee, Wellesley avenue, Belfast, and William Joyce, Antrim road, Belfast, were charged with breaking and entering an unoccupied bungalow belonging to Mrs. James Hall, Islandmagee, on September 19 and stealing a pair of opera glasses value 30s, and a bread-knife value 2s. 6d. A remand for a week, on bail, was ordered.

"NOW FOR VICTORY"

GENERAL MIAJA'S CONFIDENCE

CELEBRATING THE CAPTURE OF TERUEL

"NOW we will go more rapidly to victory," said General Miaja, commenting on the taking of Teruel, according to a despatch from the Madrid Correspondent of the Spanish Press Agency, received by Reuter in London.

The General was acknowledging the new title conferred on him yesterday of "Honorary Son of Madrid" at a meeting of the Mayor and Municipal Council of the capital.

According to the Barcelona Correspondent of the same agency, there is immnese enthusiasm in Barcelona over the capture of Teruel. The streets and cafés were thronged last night with crowds congratulating each other on the Republican victory.

The correspondent adds that a party of forty Spanish journalists who left Barcelona for Teruel yesterday morning arrived at Tarragona just as the morning papers appeared, and witnessed the excited crowds around the newspaper kiosks discussing the news. In every town and village through which they passed, the correspondent adds, there was the same enthusiasm, people shouting: "Teruel is ours, Teruel is ours."

AIR RAIDS

Government aircraft carried out several successful air raids on Seville and Cadiz yesterday morning, according to the Gibraltar Correspondent of the Spanish Press Agency.

They dropped several bombs on the Seville Aerodrome and port, and then flew towards Cadiz and bombed the port there, where a large quantity of war material was being unloaded.

Mr. Eden told Sir Adrian Baillie (C., Tonbridge), in the House of Commons yesterday, that on December 6 the British Ambassador at Hendaye protested to Salamanca authorities against the delay in bringing Mr. Peter Caddy, a British journalist, to trial.

Mr. Caddy had still not been brought to trial, and the Ambassador had been instructed to make it clear that a serious view of this case was taken, and that the trial should take place forthwith and facilities should be given for the defence.

NORTH-WEST FRONTIER

SEVERAL AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY

Pilot-Officer Gerald Charles Neil Close, of the R.A.F., has been awarded the medal of the military division of the Order of the British Empire for gallantry during the Waziristan operations from January 17 to September 15, 1937.

His act of bravery is described in the *London Gazette* as follows:—

When an aircraft, laden with bombs, crashed and burst into flames on the Miranshah aerodrome this officer, who was duty pilot on the aerodrome, hastened to the scene of the accident, and, in spite of the explosion of a bomb and small arms ammunition, made persistent attempts to extinguish the flames and to rescue the crew until ordered to withdraw by a superior officer.

Among other awards in connection with the same operations are:—

D.S.O.—Group Captain Norman Howard Bottomley, C.I.E., A.F.C., and Wing-Commander (now Group Captain) Alan Lees, A.F.C.

Distinguished Flying Cross—Squadron-Leader Leonard de Ville Chisman, Squadron-Leader Ronald Hartley Carter, Flight-Lieutenant (now Squadron-Leader) Thomas Maxfield Abraham, Pilot-Officer (now Flying-Officer) Frederick Arthur Holmes.

Distinguished Flying Medal—Sergeant (now Flight-Sergeant) Stanley Gordon Betty, Corporal Stanley Herbert Mitchinson, Leading Aircraftman George John Springett.

Bar to the D.S.O.—Lieutenant-Colonel David Murray Murray-Lyon, 2nd Battalion, 4th Prince of Wales's Own Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil Alexander Little Brownlow, Royal Artillery; Colonel (local Brigadier) George Osborne de Renzy Channer, Brigadier-in-Charge of Administration, and Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Creswell Duffield Rawson, Brigadier, General Staff, have been appointed Commanders of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Arthur Joseph Thomas Farfan, commanding Royal Artillery, has been appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath (Military Division).

BELFAST'S 20,000 UNEMPLOYED

£238,430 SCHEME TO EMPLOY 500

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

At a special meeting of the Belfast Corporation to-day ratification was given to the unemployed relief scheme promoted by the Improvement Committee. The estimated cost of the work to be undertaken is £238,430, and the net cost, after deducting Government contributions, is put at £127,522. The Corporation decided to raise a loan for this amount.

Councillor Hugh Armstrong, in moving that the Council proceed with the scheme, said that it would help to relieve the unemployment distress in the city; but it would not give considerable employment. It was intended to start a squad of men in each ward. There would be from twenty-five to thirty men in each squad, and employment would, therefore be given to between 400 and 500 men.

He would like the citizens to know that the Council were trying to do their best to help the unemployed. The cost to the ratepayers would be only 53½ per cent. of the total cost, as against 78 per cent. before the deputation went to the Ministry to get the increased grant. He thought the members of the Improvement Committee were to be congratulated on getting the increased grant, and Mr. Donald and his staff on the expeditious manner in which they had rushed through the scheme.

Councillor Armstrong added that it was hoped to have a start made with the scheme in the first week of the new year.

Alderman Black seconded the motion.

Alderman Pierce said that the chairman's statement was gratifying up to a point, but they wanted an assurance that equity would be observed in the allocation of the work. They had approximately 20,000 unemployed in the city, and, in his opinion, it would be a great injustice if all of these did not participate in the opportunities for work offered by the scheme.

Councillor Armstrong, in reply, said that within a few months they would have at least 1,200 additional men employed on the high level sewer and the streets. With reference to the suggestion that the workmen should be changed from time to time, he did not think that that would be a satisfactory arrangement.

LABOUR LEADER FROM U.S.A.

ADVICE TO IRISH WORKERS

POLITICAL EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN WORKERS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

TRALEE, Wednesday.

MR. MICHAEL QUILL, City Councillor, Bronx, New York, president of the Transport Workers' Union of America, addressed a meeting under the auspices of the Irish Labour Party in the Foresters' Hall, Tralee, to-night.

He said that he was glad to have the opportunity of talking about the formation of a powerful Irish Labour Party, which would one day, well backed with the organised power of the workers, be the dominating political party in this country. He was glad to bring to the workers of this country greetings from the organisation that he was proud to represent in the United States and Canada—100,000 transport workers, who were to-day protected with closed shop agreements under the banner of the Transport Workers' Union of America.

The union was founded in April, 1934, in New York by seven men, who met in a small back room off a funeral parlour. The job of organising the union was much more difficult than that tackled by the Irish Labour Party. America was a hard country where one had to struggle every step of the way if he hoped to exist out of a population of 132 millions and a working force of 44 millions.

STARVING MILLIONS

There were 13 million men and women throughout the United States walking the streets who did not know where they were going to dig up the next meal, and there were millions who had not slept in a bed for years or had the protection of a home for years.

The President of the United States was sorry to admit that one-third of his people had not proper homes, food, or clothes.

At last the workers in America, through education, had adopted the slogan of "Look, stop and listen," and were building up powerful industrial unions, not only in the industrial, but in the political field. They were breaking away from the two major political parties and were just as united at the ballot box on election day as at the Union Hall on the night they took their strike vote.

WHEN FLAG MEANS NOTHING

The workers of Ireland did not want to see a repetition of 1847 in this country. The flag meant nothing to a man if he was hungry under it, and it made no difference if he were evicted by an official in a green or a red uniform. He did not believe in paying landlords for the land they took from their forefathers with the edge of the bayonet. If organised Labour sent representatives to the city and State legislatives of this country with the power of recall, he did not see why they could not, with proper organisation, make this country the great country they dreamed of by legislation that would give the homes they needed, the security they needed, and that would stop the miserable emigration.

MISSING FOR NINE DAYS

SOCIETY GIRL TO WED

Miss Diana Battye, a 21-year-old society girl, who disappeared for nine days in June and was eventually found on the steps of her fiancé's home, is to be married. It was announced yesterday that she will be married in February to Mr. Michael Henry Asquith, son of the Hon. Herbert and Lady Cynthia Asquith, of Sussex place, Regent's Park, London.

Miss Battye is the daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Percy Battye, M.C., and Mrs. Leonard A. Hackett.

After disappearing from a friend's home in Oxford last June Miss Battye was missing for nine days. She was found sobbing outside the Asquith home suffering from loss of memory and could not remember where she had been.

The wedding was provisionally fixed for September. Mr. Asquith was still a student of Balliol College, Oxford, and was sitting for his final examinations at the time of Miss Battye's disappearance.

His father is a son of the Liberal Prime Minister, a barrister, and a well-known author and novelist. Lady Cynthia Asquith is also a writer of distinction.

Miss Battye's home is at Binfield, near Ascot. Her father is a former Welsh Guards officer, while her mother (now Mrs. L. A. Hackett) was known under the name of Elsie Battye, an airwoman. The latter married Mr. L. A. Hackett, sales manager of a Reading aircraft firm, last year.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

The Senate of Queen's University, Belfast, at a meeting to-day, appointed Dr. R. H. Hunter, M.Ch., Ph.D., M.R.I.A., secretary to the University as from the 1st January, 1938, in succession to Mr. Andrew Picken, B.A., LL.B., resigned.

Dr. Hunter, who is 52 years of age, served in the Great War, and was invalided home in 1915. He commenced the study of medicine at Queen's University, and after obtaining several prizes, a scholarship, and an appointment as student demonstrator in anatomy for two sessions, he graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., in 1920, and was awarded the M'Grath Clinical Scholarship. He held a demonstratorship in anatomy from 1920 till 1923, when he obtained the degree of M.D., with gold medal, and was awarded the M'Kay-Wilson Travelling Scholarship, with which he studied in London and Paris. He obtained the degree of M.Ch., with high commendation in 1925, and that of Ph.D. in 1928.

In 1924 he was appointed lecturer in anatomy, a post which he now holds. During the session 1928 to 1929 he went to America as Rockefeller Travelling Fellow.

He was secretary of the Q.U.B. Association for its first three years, and has edited the "Ulster Medical Journal" since its formation in 1931.

B.B.C.'S NEW SCHEME

DAILY BULLETINS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Sir Walter Wormesley (Assistant Postmaster-General), in a written reply to Mr. Herbert Morrison (Labour), stated that no programme in foreign languages is yet being transmitted by the B.B.C., but the Corporation is making preparations for broadcasting daily news bulletins in Spanish, Portuguese and Arabic, in accordance with the recent request by the Government, and transmissions are expected to start early in the new year.

BELFAST'S 1,000 EXTRA POSTMEN

One thousand temporary workers have been engaged by the Belfast postal authorities to help the regular staff in dealing with the Christmas rush of letters and parcels.

Yesterday one thousand bags of letters and parcels arrived via Larne and Stranraer from Great Britain and three hundred sacks from the Irish Free State.

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AN ANGLO-IRISH LABOUR PACT

NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTIONS

ORATORS AND FUNDS FROM BRITAIN

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

THE Northern Ireland Labour Party deputation which recently visited England and discussed with the British Labour Party the political situation in Northern Ireland and the relationship of that party to the British Labour movement issued a statement to-day.

It is that discussions took place with reference to the political levy, and after a frank exchange of views on both sides the following recommendations were adopted:—

(1) That the British Labour movement join with the Northern Ireland Labour movement in issuing an appeal for financial assistance for Labour candidates in the forthcoming Northern Ireland elections;

(2) That the Executives of the Trade Unions be recommended to go into the whole question of their membership in Northern Ireland with a view to securing an increase in the number of those paying the political levy with the object of ensuring that a larger measure of financial support shall accure to the Northern Ireland Labour Party;

(3) It was also agreed to circularise the headquarters of those British Trade Unions with branches in Northern Ireland which are not affiliated to the Northern Ireland Labour Party, with the object of securing their affiliation.

ORATORS FROM ENGLAND

(4) It was recommended that all British Trade Unions should intimate to their officials in Northern Ireland that it is their duty to assist, wherever possible, the Northern Ireland Labour Party, just as the British officials assist the British Labour Party, to which all the unions are affiliated.

(5) It was agreed that Northern Ireland be included in the British Labour Party's propaganda campaigns and that speakers of national reputation and importance be periodically allocated to the Northern Ireland Labour Party for work throughout their area;

(6) It was decided to ask the Union Executives to consider the elections for the Parliament of Northern Ireland, with a view to endorsing a candidate or candidates, or, alternatively, making a grant towards the expenses;

(7) It was agreed that the British Labour Party should assist the Northern Ireland Labour Party in the matter of general propaganda and election literature for distribution throughout Northern Ireland;

ELECTION EXPERT COMING

(8) It was decided that Mr. Shepherd, the national agent of the British Labour Party, should visit Northern Ireland at an early date with a view to holding a conference with union officials in Northern Ireland, and that he be accompanied by an expert election agent, who will remain in Northern Ireland for an extended period, working in conjunction with those who have a knowledge of local affairs, and finally

(9) It was agreed that the British Labour Party should, in the near future, give consideration to the question of Northern Ireland constituencies in the Imperial Parliament and decide on an electoral policy after consultation with the Northern Ireland Labour Party, and, in the event of a decision to contest any seats, the British Labour Party be recommended to assist financially.

The statement is signed by Alderman Harry Midgley, chairman of the Northern Ireland Labour Party, and Mr. Samuel Geddis, vice-chairman.

DOCKERS' CONDITIONS

The Master Stevedores' Association and the Irish Seamen's and Port Workers' Union were in conference on the conditions of Dublin deep-sea dockers yesterday. Considerable progress on points left outstanding when the strike ended ten days ago was made.

Most of these points are of minor importance. They cover such matters as overtime for replacing ship's hatches after 5 p.m., meal hours, and questions arising through special circumstances.

There is no reason to believe that any of the points will lead to a renewal of the dispute, but in any case the recent agreement provides that if a breakdown in the negotiations does take place there can be no stoppage of work before January 31st. The parties will meet again on Tuesday next.

THE TEACHING OF IRISH

SHARP REPLY TO HEADMASTER

"UNFAIR CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

WATERFORD, Wednesday.

A REPLY to criticisms by Mr. J. E. Lloyd Lewis, M.A., headmaster of Bishop Foy School, Waterford, of the programme of compulsory Irish in the schools was made by Mr. Sean Lane, Chief Executive Officer of the Waterford Central Institute to-day.

Mr. Lane said that it was their experience that the study of Irish, so far from interfering with other studies of the students, had brought new life into the schools.

It was stated in the headmaster's report, said Mr. Lane, that no word of Irish had been heard on the streets of Waterford for fifteen years. He left it to the pupils and teachers to wonder if that was correct. If one wanted to hear Irish one could hear it in Waterford—on the streets, in the schools, and in places where boys and girls played and studied.

"Waterford is still Gaelic, and Ireland is still Gaelic," said Mr. Lane. "Attempts were made in the past to root out our old Irish language, but, thank God, that day is past, and the language is coming back stronger and stronger every day, and our boys and girls are proud of being Irish, and of being able to speak their own language. One has only to look at the examination lists of the intermediate schools to see by what type of boy and girl first places have been taken. There one will see that first places have been taken by students who did all their subjects through the medium of Irish. I do not think it fair that such criticism should be passed on our country, our Government, our system of educaton,i and our boys and girls."

SAFETY ON THE RAILWAYS

QUESTION OF ALL-STEEL COACHES

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. T. Cassells (Labour) asked the Minister of Transport whether he would make the universal use of all-steel railway coaches compulsory.

Dr. Burgin replied that, apart from some all-steel rolling stock, the coaches of modern design on main-line railways in Great Britain all had steel under-frames, with wood, or wood and steel, bodies. They embodied 75 to 85 per cent. of their weight in steel. His technical advisers felt that there was no justification, on the grounds of safety, for making the use of all-steel coaches compulsory on main-line railways, nor had he any power in this respect.

Replying to Mr. V. McEntee (Labour), Dr. Burgin stated that his technical advisers took the view that the present type of coach, with the greater part of steel and a certain amount of teak or mahogany at the ends, was the best for British traffic conditions.

AFTER THE THAW

FLOODING IN SCOTLAND

For the first time for days London did not shiver yesterday, for the thermometer on the roof of the Air Ministry showed a maximum temperature 14 degrees higher than that of Monday. Yesterday it was 54, compared with a maximum of 47 on Tuesday and 40 on Monday.

The A.A. reported last night that throughout the country a considerable improvement has taken place in the condition of roads affected by snow and ice as a result of the thaw. Several roads around Buxton, Derbyshire, still have a covering of ice up to two inches. North of the Humber a number of roads are still blocked, while in Scotland conditions for motoring are difficult in spite of a general improvement.

At Fort William, where the spell of dry, frosty weather has lasted a month, rain and melted snow from the mountain tops swept down on the town. The surface of the clay-bound hill roads was torn up, grooves of more than a foot in depth being worn by rushing water. Tons of sand and gravel were dislodged. Heavy rain is causing floods in some districts.

The Irish Times.

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CATTLE.

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GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—Quiet conditions prevailed in the cargo section under holiday influences. Canadian grades, however, were the turn dearer on better overseas advices and reduced exportable surplus, but Australian freely offered at 3d. per quarter decline. Late Tuesday the Troma 38,000 quarters dark hard winter Gulf afloat sold at 40/6. Yesterday No. 1 N. Manitoba Atlantic January sellers 55/-, white Pacific January 35/3, Australian afloat loading, also January-February 36/9. Rosafe 63½lbs. December 40/3, January-February 40/-. Parcels steadier for Manitoba, but trading quiet. No. 1 N. Manitoba Atlantic December-January sellers 55/-, No. 2 ditto 53/-, No. 3 ditto 46/1½, No. 4 ditto 43/3; No. 1 N. Manitoba Vancouver January 54/9, No. 2 ditto 52/4½, No. 3 ditto 44/9, No. 4 ditto 43/1½; white Pacific January 35/3, No. 1 dark hard winter Gulf January 41/3, No. 2 ditto 39/3. S. Australian afloat 37/9, West Australian December 38/-, Victorian afloat 37/6, Rosafe 63½lbs. January-February 39/3, re-sellers Russian on sample December-January 42/- per quarter of 480lbs., c.i.f. terms. MAIZE cargoes firmer on absence of Argentine offers and higher American quotations. Late Tuesday a steamer 32,000 quarters No. 2 Yellow American Gulf January sold 27/9. Yesterday: Plate January nominally 32/6, No. 2 Yellow American Gulf January sellers 28/4½, February 28/6. Parcels firmly held. Plate December sellers 30/10½, January 31/-, May new 26/- per quarter of 480lbs., c.i.f. terms. BARLEY quiet. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western Atlantic January sellers 28/-, No. 3 Canadian Vancouver January 27/-, Iraqian January-February 26/-, Plate January-February 25/5 per quarter of 400lbs., c.i.f. OATS steady. Parcels of Plate f.a.q. January-February sellers 15/9, No. 1 Canadian feed Vancouver December 23/-, January 22/6 per quarter of 320lbs., c.i.f.

MARK LANE CORN.—The mid-weekly market was thinly attended, and business correspondingly quiet, but prices steady to firm. The exchange will be closed from Thursday evening until the following Tuesday morning for the Christmas recess, and also on January 1st, 1936. WHEAT quietly steady. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic) 57/9, No. 2 ditto 55/3, No. 3 ditto 48/6, No. 4 ditto 46/3; Australian 39/3 to 40/-, Karachi 41/6, Russian on sample 47/- per quarter of 496lb. English at farm new 37/- to 38/- per quarter of 504lb. FLOUR quiet; London straight run 36/6 for delivery in the home counties and 36/- inner London area, country straights 29/- delivered. Manitoba patents 38/9 to 40/3, Australian 30/- to 31/- per sack of 280lb. (excluding quota payment of 6d. per sack). MAIZE again dearer on scarcity of first hand offers. Plate landed 32/3, ex ship 31/3, December 32/-, January 32/3, February 32/6; No. 3 yellow American (Atlantic) landed 30/6, ex ship 29/6 per quarter of 480lb. Yellow maize meal £8 2/6 ex mill, African mixed landed £7 10/-, white £7 7/6, yellow £7 15/-; ditto ex ship £7 10/-, mixed ex ship £7 5/-; cooked flaked maize £8 10/- to £8 12/6 per ton. BARLEY steady; No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic) landed 30/-, ex ship 29/-; Calcutta landed 28/6 per quarter of 400lb. Californian old ex store 47/- to 52/-, ex ship 43/- to 54/-; Chilean brewing 43/- to 46/- per quarter of 448lb. English malting 55/- to 65/- per quarter of 448lb. OATS quiet; No. 1 Canadian feed (Atlantic) 26/6, No. 2 ditto 26/3; mixed feed (Vancouver) landed 24/9, ditto (Atlantic) 23/- per quarter of 320lb. English 26/- to 27/- per quarter of 336lb. MILLERS' WHEATFEED steadier; broad digestive bran 8/6 to 9/-, ordinary 8/-, weatings 8/4½ to 8/9, ground oats 10/1½ to 10/6 per cwt. ex mill.

LIVERPOOL. — WHEAT — American markets finished better than expected, and forward deliveries of wheat here showed a fair advance at the outset on some "shorts" covering, then receded on fair selling, fluctuated moderately, and, with discouraging Argentine late cable and free selling here, gave way sharply, but finished over worst point, though marking a fair decline on the day. December gave way sharply owing to fair tenders, but finished little worse than Tuesday night. C.i.f. parcels wheat neglected, nominally unchanged to 3d. per quarter dearer. Maize parcels 1½d. to 3d. dearer. River Plate afloat sold at 30/7½ per quarter. Wheat on the spot quietly steady. MAIZE—Spot parcels firmer at 6/7½ to 6/8 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet and unaltered. Graded wheat futures opened ¾d. to 1d. per cental dearer, then gave way and fluctuated fairly, closing steady at ½d. to ⅞d. under Tuesday night. Values—December 7/6½, March 7/3¾, May 7/4½, July 7/5 per cental. Sales, 250 loads.

PROVISIONS.

LONDON.—BUTTER—Market quiet, with holiday requirements covered and prices ruled generally steady. New Zealand, finest salted 113/- to 114/-, first grade 112/- to 113/-, ditto finest unsalted 114/- to 116/-; Australian, finest salted 112/- to 113/-, first grade 111/- to 112/-, second grade 110/- to 111/-, pastry 108/-, ditto finest unsalted 112/- to 114/-, second grade 111/-; Argentine, finest unsalted 108/- to 110/-; Danish, salted 135/-; Dutch creamery, unsalted 116/-, exceptionally 120/ to 121/-; Lithuanian, unsalted 115/-; Polish, salted, also unsalted, 111/- to 112/- per cwt.; Dutch rolls 13/9 to 14/3 per dozen lb. BACON generally firm, with a fair demand for leanest selections. Irish grades were officially unchanged to 3/- per cwt. dearer; Danish, also Dutch and English, 1/- to 3/-. English 96/- to 100/-, Irish 91/- to 101/- Danish 96/- to 100/-, Dutch 92/- to 97/-, Swedish 92/- to 94/-; Esthonian, also Latvian, 88/- to 90/-; Lithuanian, also Polish, 86/- to 90/-; Canadian 85/- to 89/ per cwt. HAMS steadier. English, as to weight, 145/- to 200/-; American short cut 82/- to 86/-, Canadian ditto 88/- to 90/-, Argentine 78/- per cwt. LARD slow. American boxes 51/6 to 53/-, pails 57/6; cartons, 1lb. 56/-, ditto ½lb. 58/- per cwt. EGGS ('Boro')—Market quietly steady at late rates. Quotations:—English, national mark unofficial specials 23/-, standards 20/-, mediums 18/6, pullets' 18/-; ordinary packing, 15½lb. 19/- to 19/6, 15lb. 18/6 to 19/-, 14lb. 17/6 to 18/-; Northern Irish, specials 22/-, standards 20/-, selected 19/-.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—In the weekly revision of prices in London Danish was raised 1/- to 3/-, and Manchester advanced Danish and English 1/- to 3/-, Swedish, Dutch and Polish 1/- to 2/- per cwt. Danish now 96/- to 104/-, Swedish and Dutch 92/- to 98/-, Polish 89/- to 96/- per cwt. A firm tone prevails and a moderate demand experienced, Danish attracting most attention. Canadian Wiltshires quiet at 87/- to 91/- for lean, 85/- to 89/- prime, and Irish firm at 89/- to 93/- per cwt. HAMS firm and in moderate demand at late rates. LARD on the spot 6d. dearer owing to higher c.i.f. rates, but buyers operate cautiously. Primo steam 49/6 to 50/6, refined 51/- to 53/-, Argentine 50/- to 51/-, Canadian 51/- to 53/- per cwt. BUTTER quiet at about late rates. EGGS quiet. Northern specials 22/-, standard 21/-, selected 19/6, duck 19/6; English new laid, standard 21/ per 120. This market will be closed from one o'clock to-morrow until Tuesday morning for the Christmas holidays.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE—Good supplies for a Wednesday market, which cleared early at steady rates. York cabbage 10/- to 25/- large load, small 5/- to 13/6; savoy, large 10/- to 20/-, small 6/- to 8/-; swedes 1/- to 1/3 per cwt., mangolds 1/- to 1/1, sprouts 1/6 to 3/- chip, artichokes 1/- to 1/6, cauliflowers 2/6 to 3/3 doz., lettuce 6d. to 1/-, beet 10d. to 1/3 doz. bunches, carrots 1/6 to 2/6, bags 7/- to 10/-; parsnips 3/6 to 5/-, spinach 2/- to 2/6, celery 3/- to 3/- bunch, thyme and sage 1d. to 2d., parsley 6d. chip, and 1/- to 2/- bag.

DUBLIN POTATO—Sales quietly steady, with supplies ample at 4/- to 4/6, extra 4/9 per cwt.

DUBLIN CHRISTMAS POULTRY—Supplies well up to average, and with a full attendance of buyers sales proved steady at—Best turkeys 10d. to 1/- per lb., secondary 8d. to 9d.; fat geese 6d. to 8d., and chickens 10d. to 1/-.

DUBLIN FISH—On offer 124 boxes from one steam trawler, nine chests lobsters, 150 boxes herrings, and a small amount from country and local senders. Demand fair at—Lobsters 20/- to 26/- per 13 large, medium 10/- to 12/6, small 4/- to 6/-; soles 30/- to 35/- per 9 pairs large, medium 20/- to 25/-; slips 5/- to 10/-, turbot 1/6 to 3/- each, brill 6d. to 3/-, herrings 15/- to 17/6 box, plaice 30/- to 60/- half box, cod 22/6 to 50/-, ray 27/6 to 32/6, hake whiting 20/- to 37/-, (small) 20/-, pollock 17/-, and haddock 12/6 to 20/-.

PRODUCE.

LONDON—SUGAR—Market dull and unchanged for British makes; raws 96 per cent. January sellers 6/1½ c.i.f. U.K. Terminal idle; August done at 6/4 per cwt. COFFEE—Spot market remains dull. COCOA slow; Accra G/F February-April 23/9 c.i.f.; A clause to London 26/-, Liverpool 25/6, Lagos 21/9. Terminal sold 24/9, March 24/7½, May 24/6, September 25/- per cwt. TEA market firm, with fair inquiries. SPICE—Both pepper and cloves continued idle and unchanged; also tapioca. Sago flour January-February 8/9 per cwt. c.i.f. RUBBER market steady, but very quiet; sheet spot and January sold 7¾d., February 7⅞d., April-June 7⅞d., July-September 7⅞d., October-December 7⅞d. per lb. HEMP—Manila grades slow and unchanged. SISAL—African steadily held, but quiet. JUTE market lower, but after a fair business closed steadily; firsts December-January sold £19, January-February £19 1/3, February-March sellers £19 5/-, Lightnings December-January sellers £18 7/6, Hearts sold £17 5/-, Daisee sellers £17 5/-, Tossa December-January sold £18 6/3, and January-February £18 7/6 to £18 6/3 c.i.f.; Calcutta gunnies quiet; 10oz. December and January-March 17/-, 8oz. December 13/4, January-March 13/5; Liverpool twills, both positions, 47/1½; B 41/6 c.i.f. SHELLAC dull; T.N. spot 42/6 to 45/6, March sellers 43/6, May 44/6, January-February 42/6

OILS—Linseed quiet; spot (small lots) sellers 30/6, January, also February-April 27/10½, May-August 28/-, September-December 28/1½. Rape steady; crude spot 36/-, refined 37/-. Cotton maintained; crude Egyptian naked spot 20/-, common edible 23/9, deodorised (barrels) 28/3. Soya steady; English crude naked spot 27/-, deodorised (barrels) 33/6. Coconut steady; Ceylon white (drums) spot 23/-, January 20/-; English deodorised (barrels) 30/-, Groundnut slow; English crude naked spot 28/6, deodorised (barrels) 36/6. Turpentine steady; American spot 31/6, January-April 32/6. Rosin maintained; American grade B 14/-, F/G 14/9 per cwt.

OILSEEDS—Linseed quietly steady; River Plate to Hull December sellers £12 13/9, January £12 8/9, February, also March, £12 7/6; Calcutta to London December, also January, £15 2/6, Bombay ditto £15 3/9, March £14 15/-. Rapeseed maintained; Toria to Hull December-January £14 5/-. Cottonseed steady; Egyptian black to Hull December £5 12/6, January to March £5 13/9. Groundnuts dull; Coromandel to the Continent January, also February, £11 16/3, March £11 17/6, April £11 18/9. Castorseed steady; Bombay to Hull December-January £14 2/6. Soya beans slow; Manchurian to the Continent December £8 3/9, January, also February, £8 2/6 per ton c.i.f.

TALLOW—Public auctions of Australasian remain suspended, and privately the market continued quiet at about late rates. Rather more interest was evidenced for c.i.f. parcels. Quotations—Mutton, fair to fine 20/6 to 26/6, beef ditto 19/- to 24/-; mixed, fair to good 19/- to 20/6 per cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR continues steady. Sellers basis 96 deg. pol. parcels at 6/1½ per cwt., c.i.f., for December-January shipments to the United Kingdom. Refined descriptions steady, and quotations are unaltered. COCOA—Spot demand for West African continues very slow. Forward shipment positions dull and unchanged. Sellers of new crop good fermented Accra at 23/9, and new crop Lagos, f.a.q., at 21/6, with buyers of both descriptions nominally at 6d. less, c.i.f. Continent per 50 kilos, December-February, January-March shipments; later 3d. easier. JAPANESE PEAS steadily held, but only a limited demand for spot parcels in store at £22 per ton. RICE BRAN steady, but quiet. Burma, for February-March shipment, continues at £5 12/6 per ton, ex-ship terms.

OIL CAKES—Forward shipments of imported descriptions in quiet demand, but a firmer tendency in prices is noticeable. American linseed quoted £8 10/-, River Plate (round) £8 15/-, and Indian expeller £8 11/3, all c.i.f., December-January shipments. Egyptian undecorticated cottonseed now quoted at £4 12/6 to £4 13/9, December-January shipment, ex-ship terms.

OILSEEDS—Linseed—River Plate new crop remains quietly steady at £12 8/9 per ton for January-February shipment. Cottonseed steady, but quiet. Forward shipment values of white woolly sorts unaltered. Palm kernels continues in sellers' favour, with £11 10/- per ton now asked for December and January shipments. Palm kernel oil remains quietly steady, with crushers quoting £21 for crushed and/or extracted crude, g.m.q., and £25 per ton for deodorised, all naked, ex-mills Liverpool. GROUNDNUT OIL in quiet demand, with local-made deodorised steady and unaltered. COCOANUT OIL—English-made crushed crude quiet and unchanged at £21, naked, ex-mills Liverpool. Forward shipments of imported descriptions fully steady. White Ceylon in drums quoted £20 to £20 5/-, and Straits £19 10/- per ton, both c.i.f. to Liverpool.

SEED OILS—Liverpool makes continue steady at late rates. Cottonseed quoted 22/6 for refined edible and 24/6 deodorised net, naked. Soya deodorised scarce and quoted nominal. Linseed held at 33/- for raw and 34/6 per cwt. boiled, on spot, in barrels, all ex-mills. PALM OIL quietly steady, without quotable change. TALLOW continues steady, but quiet. South American beefs unchanged at 21/6 to 22/-, according to brand, and Australian good colour, mixed, 21/- to 21/6 per cwt., both c.i.f., for shipment.

LONDON METALS MARKET

TIN FIRM—COPPER IRREGULAR.

TIN—Market dull, but tone firmer on reserved offers. Official quotations marked an advance of 12/6 per ton for cash, and 15/- to 20/- forward on balance. Standard cash quoted £189 2/6 to £189 7/6, three months £188 15/- to £189; settlement, £188 5/-. Sales amounted to 200 tons; three months at £190 to £190 10/- and £189. English ingots quoted £189 5/-. East sold £194 17/6 c.i.f. per ton. COPPER irregular, but firmer, with a fair trade. On balance official quotations were 2/6 per ton lower, both cash and forward. Standard cash quoted £40 7/6 to £40 8/9, three months £40 12/6 to £40 13/9; settlement, £40 7/6. 800 tons changed hands; cash at £40 12/6, three months £40 17/6, £40 18/9, £40 11/3 and £40 12/6; electros £44 10/- to £45 10/-, wire bars £45 10/- per ton. LEAD generally quiet and values easier; 500 tons sold; good soft foreign pig December, also January £15 13/9, March, also April £15 17/6; settlement, £15 15/- per ton. SPELTER fully steady, but demand restricted. 600 tons sold; December, also February £15 8/9, March £15 12/6 to £15 8/9; settlement, £15 7/6 per ton. SILVER idle; cash quoted 20¼d. to 20⅛d., three months 20d. to 20⅛d.; settlement, 20⅛d. per fine ounce. ANTIMONY quiet; English regulus spot £80, Chinese do. spot £58 per ton c.i.f.

SECOND SESSION—Tin steady; 50 tons sold; cash at £189 10/- to £189 15/-, closing buyers £189 5/-, three months sold £188 10/- to £189, closing buyers £188 15/-. Copper maintained; 300 tons sold; cash at £40 7/6, closing buyers £40 5/-, three months sold £40 11/3 to £40 12/6, closing buyers £40 10/-. Lead easy; 500 tons sold; good soft foreign pig Jan. £15 12/6, March £15 16/3, April £15 17/6, spot quoted £15 12/6. Spelter slightly easier; 50 tons sold; January £15 5/-, March £15 7/6 to £15 8/9, spot quoted £15 6/3.

FARM PRODUCE PRICES

The following table has been issued by the Northern Ministry of Agriculture giving particulars regarding average prices of certain classes of agricultural produce marketed in Northern Ireland during the week ended 18th December, 1937, together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 1936:—

	Week ended 18/12/'37. s. d.	Week ended 19/12/'36. s. d.
White Oats (per cwt.)	6 10½	5 9
Potatoes (per cwt.):		
Arran Victory	2 5¼	3 11½
Kerr's Pink	3 0¼	3 10½
Main crop—all classes	2 6¼	3 10½
Hay (per ton):		
1st and 2nd Year's	66 11	68 3
Meadow Hay	50 7	42 2
Hay—all classes	62 10	58 0
Oat Straw (per ton)	44 5	47 8
Turkeys (per lb. live wt.)	0 11½	1 1
Geese (per lb. live wt.)	0 5¼	0 5½
Grass Seed (per cwt.):		
Italian	8 1½	10 8½
Perennial	9 5¼	15 8
Mixed	9 0	10 9½
Flax (per stone)	9 9¼	9 2¼
Farmers' Butter (per lb.):		
Print	1 4¼	1 2½
Lump	1 4¼	0 11½
Eggs:		
Hen (per lb.)	1 2	1 0
Duck (per dozen)	1 8	1 4½
Poultry (per head):		
Hens	2 0¼	1 10
Chickens	2 11	2 7½
Ducks	2 4¼	2 3½

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